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JAPANESE ARMY CLOSES IN ON NANKING

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SO-CALLED SAFETY ZONE NOT YET RECOGNISED BY ATTACKERS AND AUTHORITIES FEAR FOR CIVILIANS

Nanking, Dec. 9.

The splutter of machine-guns and occasional burst of shell-fire were heard during the night as the main bodies of the advancing Japanese army drew closer to Nanking. The feverish work of preparation of the defences of the city for whatever may develop goes on rapidly, and there are indications that one of the most ferocious and decisive battles of the whole war may be fought here within the next few hours. Defence positions for the most part are completed.

The Chinese defenders have large stocks of ammunition and, what is as necessary, big supplies of rice. They are in a position to offer stout resistance, but whether they do more than that remains to be seen.

Looters are still being publicly shot and their bodies left on exhibition as a warning to others.

The Post Office is closed but the telephone service is still in operation inside the city.

The Japanese are busy moving up supplies, including siege guns, preparatory to storming the city if the defenders refuse to capitulate, as demanded.

Vanguards At Outer Wall

The Japanese vanguards are now in position at many points outside the outer or High Sea Wall, which has eighteen gates and is 30 miles in circumference. Among the gates through which they have approached is the Kwangtung, or the Gate of China.

An ominous air broods over the capital. All civilians have been ordered to move in to the so-called safety zone, which the Japanese still refuse to recognise and there is a possibility of a frightful holocaust if the bottle spreads into and through the city proper. This causes the authorities much concern.

Actually all Nanking is declared to be a war zone.

Burning All Cover

In order to deprive the Japanese of all cover, the Chinese are setting fire to many of the buildings around the capital and many beautiful homes in Sun Yat-sen Park have gone up in flames. During the night the fires lighted the sky.

Much sporadic fighting is taking place in the hills between the retreating Chinese and the steadily advancing Japanese, but the real battle for Nanking has not yet begun.

Foreigners Take Precautions

Last night, as a precautionary measure, the remaining members of the British, American and German Embassies slept aboard ships in the river. However, they intend to go ashore every day as long as the situation permits.

H.M.S. Scarab and H.M.S. Cricket have gone a short distance up the river and are now moored alongside the two hulks.

There are very few foreigners remaining ashore, and most of them are connected with hospitals or the so-called safety zone.

Continuing Peace Efforts

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Fighting was going on last night in the hills surrounding Nanking. The Japanese are trying to drive spearhead attacks towards the outer city wall.

The Chinese continue to burn beautiful new residences between the inner and outer walls in order to deprive the Japanese of cover.

In the meantime the Chinese press reports that the German Ambassador, Dr. Oskar Trautmann, is continuing his mediation efforts and there are many indications that Chinese leaders are anxious to talk peace.—Reuter.

Heavy Fighting Starts

Nanking, Dec. 9. The waterside dispute which began last week, affecting 1,000 men, ended when the dockers agreed to begin negotiations with employers through their Union to-day.—Reuter.

Government Inaction Criticised

Suspended Judgment Asked By Minister

London, Dec. 8. In a House of Commons debate, with 202 votes to 124, a resolution condemning the Government for inaction on the problem of location of industry from points of view both of defence and plight of special areas, was lost. Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, at the end of the debate, outlined inducements which had been designed by the Government for the express purpose of assisting location of industry in particular areas.

Meantime work of the Royal Commission on the subject was proceeding as expeditiously as possible and the Minister appealed for suspension of judgment until its report appeared.—British Wireless.

Barcelona Death Roll Uncertain

Figures Appear Exaggerated

Barcelona, Dec. 8. The report that 200 were killed in the air raid yesterday is unconfirmed. It is officially stated that from 50 to 100 were killed and injured.

A second air raid was carried out this afternoon by three Insurgent planes, flying high. They were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and chased by Government planes.—Reuter.

DOCKERS RETURN TO WORK

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 9. The waterside dispute which began last week, affecting 1,000 men, ended when the dockers agreed to begin negotiations with employers through their Union to-day.—Reuter.

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HALF MILE FROM CITY

Nanking, Dec. 9 (10.35 a.m.) Japanese troops struck hard at the Nanking defence lines this morning. They occupied Tachachao aerodrome, only half a mile from the city proper, after stiff fighting.—United Press.

BISHOP BULLEN LOSES LIFE IN PLANE CRASH

London, Dec. 8. The Rt. Rev. Herbert Guy Bullen, M.C., Assistant Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, lost his life when an R.A.F. bomber crashed. The pilot of the plane was also killed.

The accident occurred between Bor and Ruba.

It has been ascertained that Mrs. Bullen was not accompanying her husband when the total accident happened.—Reuter.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Chungking, Dec. 8. A new air service has been inaugurated between Hunan and Chungking by the China National Aviation Corporation.—Reuter.

HONOURS FOR DECEASED PANCHEN LAMA

Chungking, Dec. 8. The Executive Yuan met yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung. In the absence of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and measures were taken relative to the conferring of posthumous honours on the late Panchen Lama. The Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission will submit plans in this connection to the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, a joint message of condolence on the Panchen Lama's death has been despatched by the Central Executive and Supervisory Committee to Chao Shou-yu, Little Commissioner, who was to have escorted the Panchen Lama to Lhasa.—Reuter.

JAPANESE REGRET WUHU BOMBING

London, Dec. 9. It is learned in London that the Japanese chief of staff in Shanghai called on Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief, to express regret in connection with the bombing of two British vessels during the bombardment of Wuhan.—Reuter.

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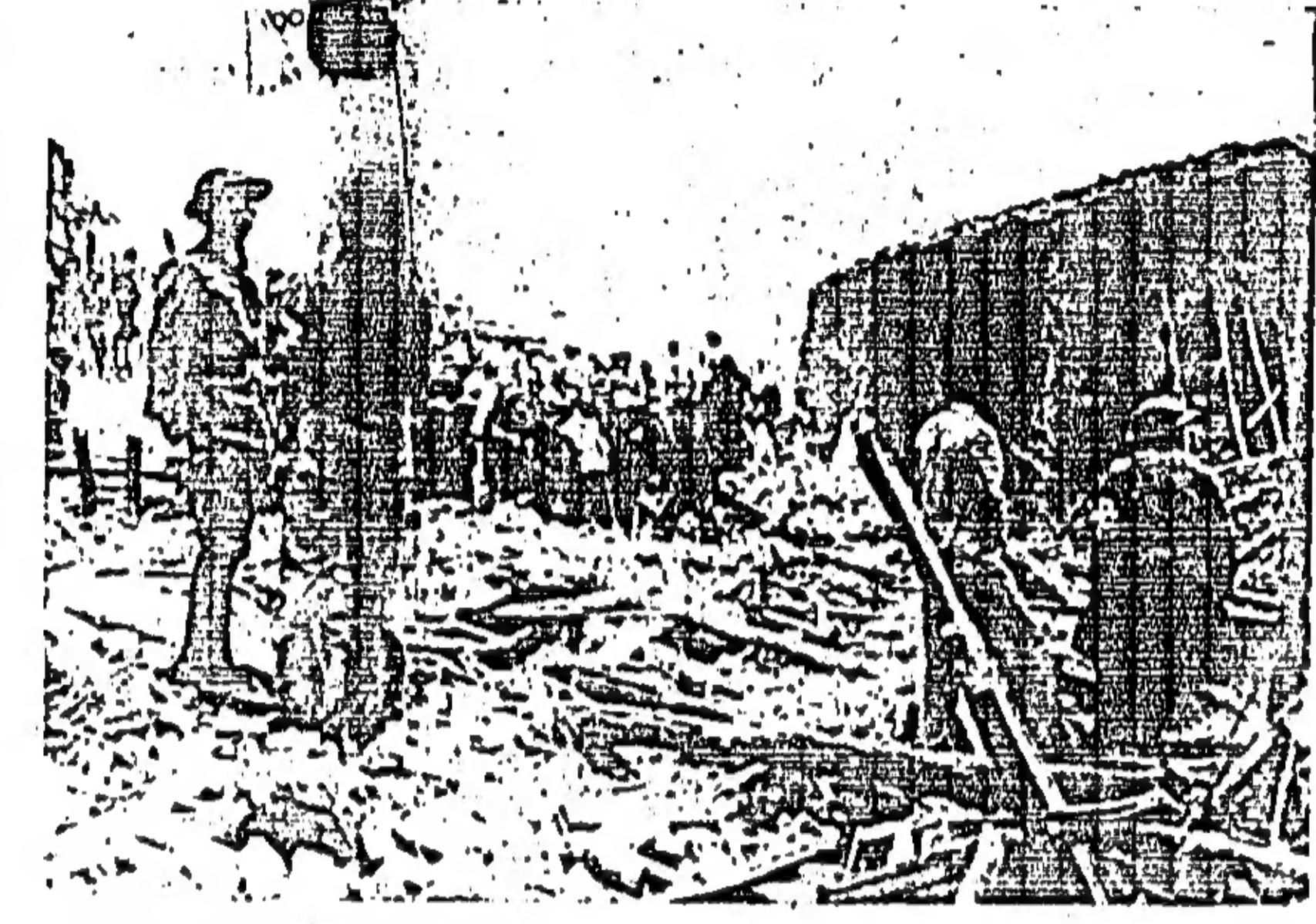
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S'hai Volunteers To Fight Crime

SEVERE DAMAGE IN HONAM



Japanese bombing planes are flying over Canton and its environs almost every day. Frequently they bomb various strategic localities. But the bombs which fell in Honam recently killed only women and children and old men, and destroyed a number of dwellings. This illustration, taken at a time when the rescue parties went into the ruins and before the smoke and dust had cleared, was specially secured for the Hongkong Telegraph by a correspondent.

Asks Funds For Noble Enterprise

Dr. R. C. Robertson Of Shanghai Praises Hospital Work

London, Dec. 8. Dr. R. C. Robertson, a Shanghai doctor who arrived in London to-day, intends to fly back to China after Christmas to take charge of the British anti-epidemic unit.

Referring to his obituary notice published after a false report of his death, Dr. Robertson said, with a chuckle: "It is not so nice as I thought it would be. Perhaps next time it would be better to prepare it one's self in advance."

Dr. Robertson is trying to enlist help for the Lord Mayor's Fund for China. He emphasised that what they were able to do now only touched the fringe of a terrible problem. He said the missions hospitals were performing noble work and their history should be written in letters of gold.—Reuter.

Denies Poison Gas Sent To China's Order

London, Dec. 8. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. V. McEntee (Lab.) asked whether the Board of Trade was aware that in a Japanese news service distributed to members of the House, it was alleged that twelve tons of phosgene gas were shipped from England to China.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, replied that no phosgene gas had been exported from the United Kingdom since the beginning of the year with the exception of three tons consigned to dye works in Holland.

Another Member said this particular news service was addressed from Paris.—Reuter.

Life Sentence On Arab Is Confirmed

Jerusalem, Dec. 8. Major-General Archibald Wavell, commanding the British forces in Palestine, has confirmed the conviction passed on an aged Arab father and his son by the military court at Nazareth for carrying arms.

The son's sentence of life imprisonment has been confirmed, but the father's sentence has been reduced from life to one year. It is believed this consideration is due to his age.—Reuter.

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STEAMER SINKS IN RED SEA

London, Dec. 8. A British steamer sank at the entrance to the Red Sea en route to the United States with a cargo of ore from Calcutta.

The crew was taken off by an Italian steamer.—Reuter.

NEW EMERGENCY SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION

ARMED ROBBERIES OCCUR WITH GREAT FREQUENCY INSIDE SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

As a means of assisting the Shanghai Municipal police in suppressing the crime wave in the International Settlement, a plan has now been worked out which will call for the partial mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

An official announcement of the plan has not yet been made, but enquiry among Volunteer and Municipal officials brought forth the information that such a plan is now being considered, and may be put into effect within a few days.

RUSSIAN PAPER BOMBED

Third Incident Of

S'hai Terrorism

Early Attempts Frustrated

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The outer office of the Russian paper, "Daily News," a pro-Soviet newspaper published in the French Concession, was damaged last night when an unidentified miscreant, who drove up in a black sedan, left a bomb on the window-ledge and hurriedly drove off.

The bomb exploded with a loud bang, shattered the plate glass window and damaged the furniture. There were no casualties as nobody was in the outer office, although Mr. Cullinan, the editor and publisher, was on the second floor together with 20 Chinese workmen and Russian reporters.

Later Mr. Chiklin stated that the entire building shook from the explosion and the occupants were frightened.

There is quite a scare about spies in these parts just now and no changes are being taken. Recently a co-pilot of one of the missions fell under suspicion and was searched. A small bottle of medicine was found on him. He was sent at once to the Yamen in Yamchow for trial as a Japanese spy. A bit of the drug in the bottle was given to a chicken, which immediately died, so the case was thought to be positive against the man.

He was let go only after the mission concerned assured the local officials that the man was innocent and in no way implicated in spying activities.

A big mass meeting was held here late in November for the purpose of tightening the anti-Japanese boycott. Effective methods were evolved to prevent anything produced in Japan reaching this city. The students of the higher schools are largely behind the movement.

There is plenty of rice in these parts, as a bountiful crop was harvested. None is allowed to be exported, therefore rice is cheap. Prices of all foodstuffs are very low in this city and district, and there is plenty of everything.

There is no alarm nor fear here. Since a lone Japanese plane flew over here a month ago, and something excited the people, no further visits have been made. The country is quiet and peaceful.

All young able-bodied men are required to be registered for war service and troops are being set up toward Canton on the way to the front. It is said special training is being given.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

ANY parents, particularly those who have a strong code of behaviour, are inclined to be shocked when small sons and daughters stray away from the truth. But really, is it to be wondered at if a child draws on his imagination when his nursery days are coloured with such stories as Jack and the Beanstalk, and the bedtime tales that Mummy and Daddy love to tell?

Further, when he shows concern for poor little Red Riding Hood, he is assured that it is only a fairy story.

It is unreasonable, in these circumstances, to expect young children to understand exactly what is meant when told "not to tell stories."

So we must treat the children's leaps into make-believe with patience and understanding, and as they grow older they will develop a sense of values and will realize that make-believe must be kept for playtime and should have no part in real matters.

Changing Names

My son lives in a world of "make-believe." So firmly does he believe in the characters which he takes on that he gets into wild tempers when we call him by his own name.

My advice is that you should leave this alone, as your boy is not yet five. He will probably outgrow this habit once he goes to school, and, if at present he prefers to be called "King Richard" or "Dick Turpin," it will do no harm to humour him.

He is doing you the honour of including you in the game, and deep down he knows that you are all pretending, but it is good fun.

Children are very open really. I wonder how many grown-ups have not lain awake at night planning what they would do if they won a large sweepstakes' prize.

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the matter to be explained to them on its true footing; it will probably be best just to say that their father has gone away, and to add that they must look after you for the present.

Toddler's Menu

My toddler is difficult over his dinners. How could I carry his fare? Age 10 months.

TRY these suggestions for a week's dinner. Monday, one tablespoonful of lightly-cooked steak, cut up small with a sharp knife; one tablespoonful of green vegetable; one small potato; cornflour shape with jelly.

Tuesday, one tablespoonful of flaked white sea-fish or a small dab, one tablespoonful of well-cooked green vegetable; one small potato; stewed fruit with a teaspoonful of cream.

Wednesday, one tablespoonful of lightly-cooked and finely-minced liver; one tablespoonful of sliced carrots; one potato. Milk pudding.

Thursday, scrambled sheep's brain, green vegetable and cornflour; stewed fruit and cream. Friday, one tablespoonful of fillet of plaice, one tablespoonful of cream; one small potato; milk jelly.

Saturday, small mutton cutlet, free fat, and cut up finely; green vegetable or cauliflower; one small potato; milk pudding. Sunday, shavings off the joint, green vegetable, one small potato; stewed fruit and cream.

Noisy and Troublesome

My little girl is specially troublesome at school, her teacher tells me. She lived with her Granmie for two years and was rather spoilt.

I GATHER that your little daughter is now once more in your care. She will soon get over this early spoiling if you are firm and patient with her now.

Plan her day carefully so that she has a regular routine with time for open-air play and plenty of sleep. A regular routine is a good antidote to spoiling and lack of wise discipline.

Hardworking Hands

BUSY hands can be kept soft and unblemished if a few simple precautions are taken.

Hasty washing and careless drying of the hands are among the most fruitful sources of trouble. So a bowl of oatmeal should always be kept by the side of the washbasin, and the hands dusted with this after washing.

After a particularly dirty job, soak the hands in olive oil before washing, and the dirt will come off very easily. Avoid the use of washing-soda. Soap flakes are much kinder to the hands. But if soda has been used in the washing-up water, rub a lotion into the hands immediately after. An excellent one can be made by mixing four parts of milk to one of glycerine. Keep a piece of lemon by the sink, and if a little salt is added to this, it will remove the most obstinate stains.

Where the nails are inclined to be brittle, the nail varnish should be removed each night, and the nails should be soaked in almond oil. Nail varnish has a very drying effect, but the oil counteracts this, besides keeping the cuticles soft and pliable.

A Quick Transformation

Sometimes it is necessary to achieve very quick results. An invitation to a party may arrive unexpectedly, and the hands must look their best.

Here is a certain method of effecting an overnight transformation, and, once in a while, the extra trouble involved will not be grudged.

Make a bath of hot olive oil, and add glycerine in the proportion of one tablespoonful of glycerine to two of oil. Soak the hands in this lotion, massaging with an upward movement towards the wrist, and pulling the fingers as if in the act of donning gloves. Spread the fingers out and bend them. Close and open the hands with the fingers spread out.

Continue the treatment for about twenty minutes at least. If there is a tendency to enlarged joints in the fingers, half an hour's treatment is advised. The hands should next be washed in luke warm water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

Finally apply a pack of honey and borax, slipping on a pair of loose white cotton gloves, which will act as bandages, and allow the pack to do its work overnight.

In the morning, wash in water which has been softened by the addition of a bag of oatmeal, and, given the usual manicure, the hands will be as soft and dainty as the most fastidious woman could desire. A. W.

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IT is a well-known fact that women together talk, to a large extent, about clothes. It is equally a fact, but a very much hushed-up fact, that men together are also apt to touch on the subject of dress.

One can hardly imagine a man saying: "I saw the cutest little remnant of heather tweed to-day and just couldn't resist buying it." But they do say something like "I've just bought a new suit, but I think the revers are too wide. The salesman said it's the latest thing."

Women are also known to discuss their underclothes. How and where one gets the flimsiest bit of silk and lace for a song; camisoles versus chemise; and panties, whether to wear black under black frocks—a million and one things about lingerie.

Stylish Underwear

Now a man will not discuss his underclothes. And why? Because for many years men's underwear has always been the same. At 14 or 40—the same shape, the same material year in, year out.

And now, although men's underwear has been for some time past at a stage—no, I am not going to say of undress!—where there is no more need to speak of those articles with bated breath and a sense of shame, or not at all, tradition dies hard.

As a matter of fact, there's a real style in men's underwear to-day. I am not suggesting that they are adorned with lace or embroidery nor that there is a question of the smart man wearing blue under a blue suit. But he can get his underwear in many colours and materials, styles and fittings.

Take, for instance, Wolsey underwear. They make many styles and colours, in the finest, softest wool.

And don't imagine that men's undergarments are shapeless in these days. Far from it.

Hard-Wearing

There's a pride in the fit of the garments they turn out. They are specially knitted, not cut, to shape. Everything of theirs is fully fashioned.

That means their garments are shaped in the making to fit like a glove with no wrinkles or rucks, and will really keep their shape through years of hard wear.

Now, with women's lingerie, wear is often a secondary consideration. With men, wear naturally comes more to the

Fewer Parrots In England

London.

Parrots are gradually disappearing from English homes and the import trade is practically ended. This is a result of the prohibition of the import of all birds of the parrot species imposed in 1930 "to prevent the spread of the infectious disease psittacosis."

There is nothing like stressing the practical side of these matters; that leaves no time for speculations. At the same time it is a really big mistake to confuse ignorance with innocence. By wrapping the whole subject up in cotton-wool one only creates a mystery quite unnecessarily.

Most Untruthful

Her teacher reports that my girl of fourteen continually tells her untruths. She is the same at home.

A FRIEND once told me that she was most untruthful until schoolteacher once told her a wily legend of truth. From "Oliver Scheider's Book of Knowledge,"

That led to her taking a much wider view of the whole subject. "Not telling untruths" widened out into a search for Truth, cost what it might.

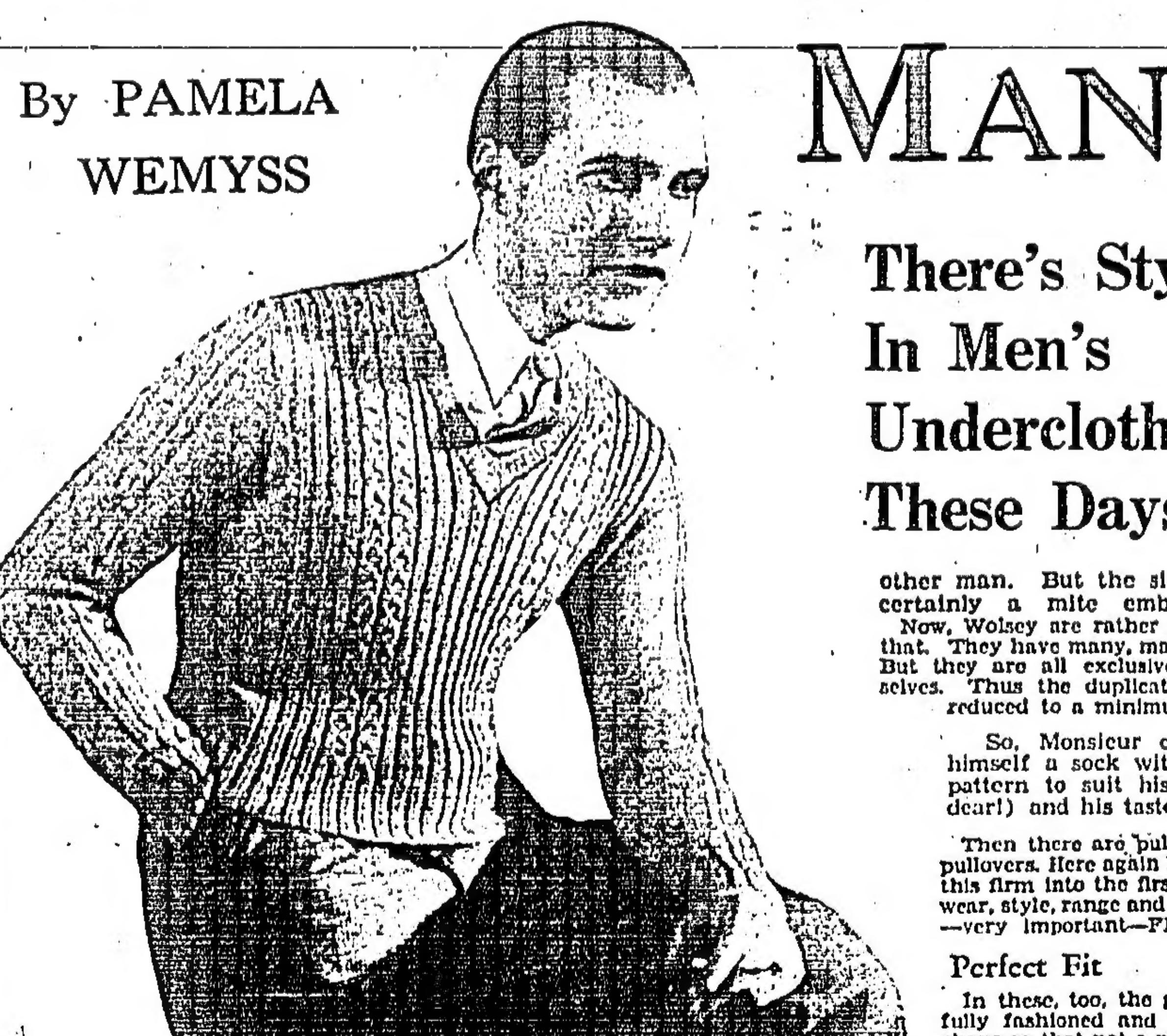
Cigar Indian's Face Lifted

Fremont, O.

"Chief Tecumseh," last of the cigar-store Mohicans, has been restored to his post in front of a tobacco shop here after an absence of several weeks. The wooden Indian, familiar relic of the past, was taken to a repair shop for a new coat of paint and minor repairs.

By PAMELA

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There's Style In Men's Underclothes These Days

other man. But the situation is certainly a mite embarrassing.

Now, Wolsey are rather clever over that. They have many, many designs. But they are all exclusive to themselves. Thus the duplication risk is reduced to minimum.

So, Monsieur can choose himself a sock with just the pattern to suit his suit (oh, dear!) and his taste.

Then there are pullovers and jumpers. Here again I must put this firm into the first class for wear, style, range and value, and—very important—FIT.

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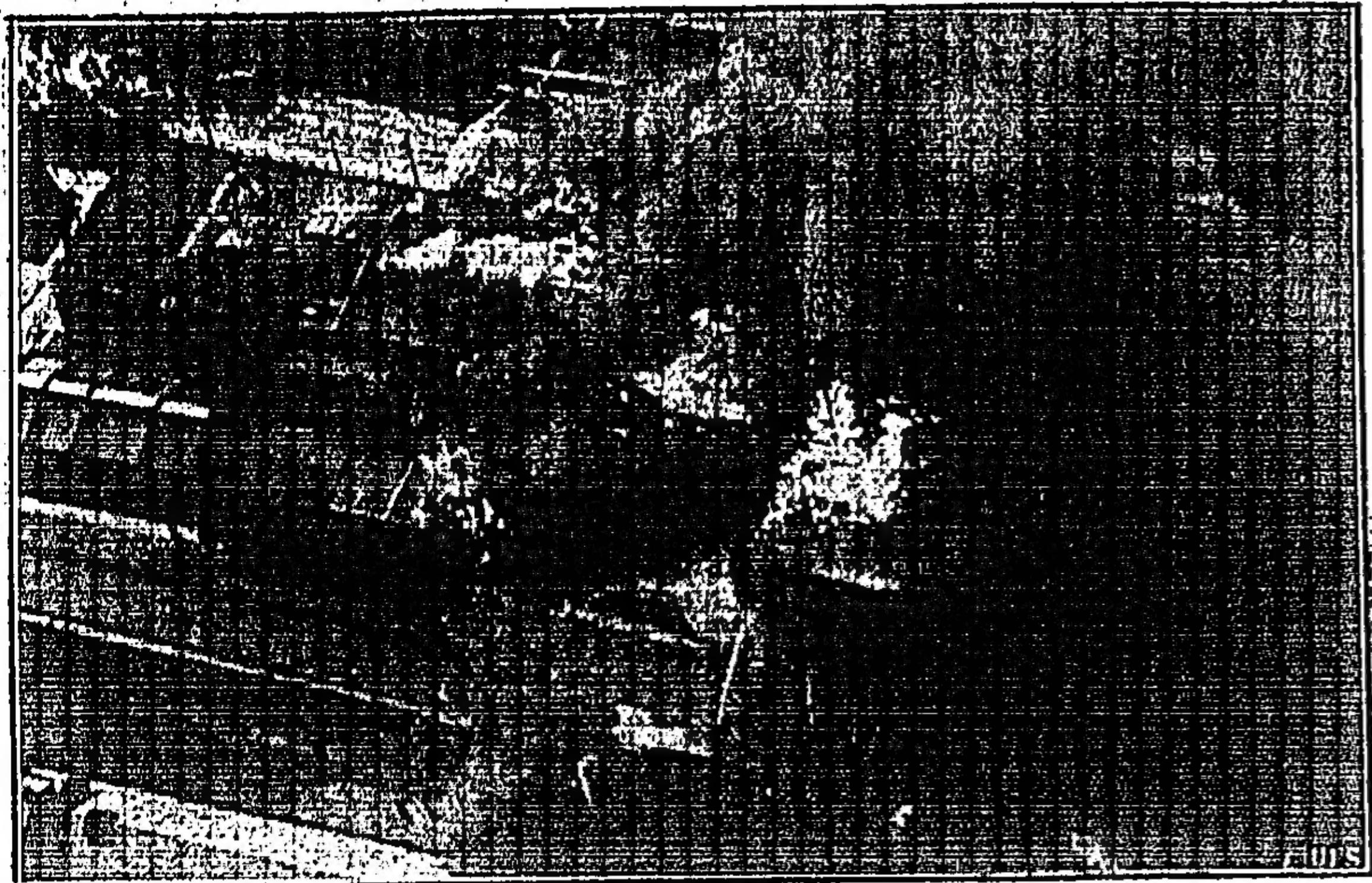
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Every night in a little room in Maple-street—just off Tottenham Court-royal, London—they sit side-by-side at a table littered with school exercise books.

Heads close together, the young wife—pen in hand—slowly and carefully forms different letters of the alphabet as her husband repeats and copies the letters a dozen times or more.

"My husband is really very clever;

Girl, 16, Is Printer

Francine Fliske, the 16-year-old daughter of Frank B. Fliske, publisher of the Fort Yates Pioneer-Arrow, became one of the nation's youngest printers when she replaced the regular printer in her father's shop, while the printer went on a vacation.

Blind Golfer Scores 79

Captain Gerald Lowry, famous blind sportsman, returned a score of 79 in a game at Mersea Island (Essex) Golf club. The length of the course is 6,352 yards, and the bogey is 75. His valet placed the ball, told him where to stand and the distance of the ball from each green.

More than 150 girl employees were believed trapped in this fire, at the S. B. Penick botanical drug manufacturing plant in Weehawken, N. J., until it was recalled the day was a Jewish holiday and many of them had not gone to work. Flames swept the plant, injuring 15 and causing 600 children in a school 50 feet away to be imperilled.

Hen Lays "Siamese Eggs"

New London, Conn. Louis Lombardi's hen has laid three "Siamese" eggs in three weeks. Lombardi says the laying of one such egg, although unusual is not rare, but when the same hen lays three eggs, equal to a halfdozen within three weeks, "that's different."

Pheasant Enters House

Newburgh, N.Y. A pheasant was an unexpected guest of Miss Mary McEvoy at her home here. The bird flew through a front room window, and fluttered about in ground floor and second floor rooms before escaping through an open bath room window.

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Revivalism Blamed For Wave Of Hysteria

(By A Special Correspondent)

Methodists will be shocked to read—in a new biography of John Wesley, "Wrestling Jacob," by novelist and historian Marjorie Bowen—that "it seems doubtful whether the good that Wesley's movement had done in the country balanced the evil caused by the wave of mingled hysteria and imposture."

The book, published recently, is a detailed account of the great preacher's life.

But wherever the authoress expresses any opinions on Wesley's work, she is scathingly critical, accusing him of playing on the fears of semi-idiotots and having bad influence on children.

She writes: "John Wesley took advantage of that religious emotion he was able to rouse in the wretched and ignorant to implant some terrible falsehoods in their shivering hearts; the most dreadful of these was Hell."

"It was no wonder that illiterate peasants and semi-idiotic slum-dwellers fell roaring to the ground, screaming, 'I will be good,' like a child threatened with a stick, and that even the half-educated, especially if also half-drunk, should be overcome with her fear and trembling . . .

BANNED JOY

"Without humour, though not without a dry wit, John Wesley discouraged joy, pleasure, all gay and lovely things; those who could not find their happiness in striving after Heaven might remain miserable."

"His school system did not allow a second for play, and very few for exercise or repose; there was not a child who came in contact with eighteenth-century Methodism who must not have been the worse for it."

"From John Wesley's teaching, which spread from his own organisation to those of the Church of England and the Dissenting bodies, grew that form of religion which was to overwhelm the country for nearly 100 years, which was to produce the typical middle-class Victorian and the English Sunday."

"STUNNED THE POOR"

In a foreword, while declaring that Wesley helped to stabilise the social life of the times, the authoress writes:

"It has been estimated that in the period during which John Wesley worked nearly half the population were paupers; it was these unemployed, outcasts, and criminals, to whom the great evangelist appealed, giving them religion as a crumb and a comfort; he is now placed with J. J. Rousseau and Samuel Richardson as one of the great forces that moved the emphasis from the head to the heart, from rationalism to emotionalism."

"Whether it was for good or evil that John Wesley so drugged and stunned the illiterate poor with his preaching of Hell fire, a sentimental 'love of God,' and his doctrine of a life lived according to rigid rules of the only means of salvation, may be a matter of dispute."

THE PROBLEM

"Whether he wrought harmfully or beneficially in fastening the clumps of a terrible superstition on the minds of the ignorant and impressionable people, whether his emphasis on self-denial, on austerity, on gloom, on an absorption in the idea of a vengeful God, was to the good or not of the national character, must be left in open debate, or referred to the historians who have so carefully and lucidly examined and expounded these matters."

Most of the book, however, is not concerned with this kind of criticism.

"Wrestling Jacob" is published by Heinemann at 15s.

Last night I questioned leading Methodists on their opinions of the views expressed in the book.

Sir Josiah Stamp said: "It's all such old stuff, I'm surprised it has been trotted out again."

Sir Harold Bellman said: "The character and reputation of John Wesley are safe against such attacks."

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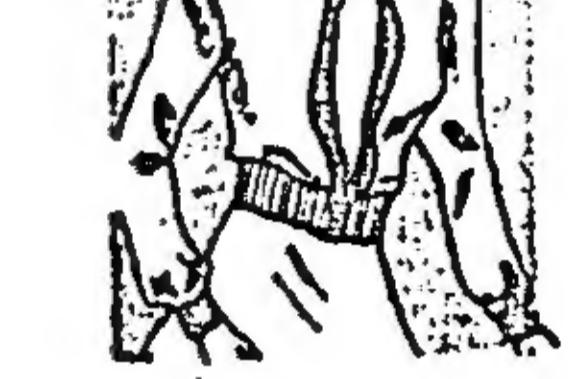
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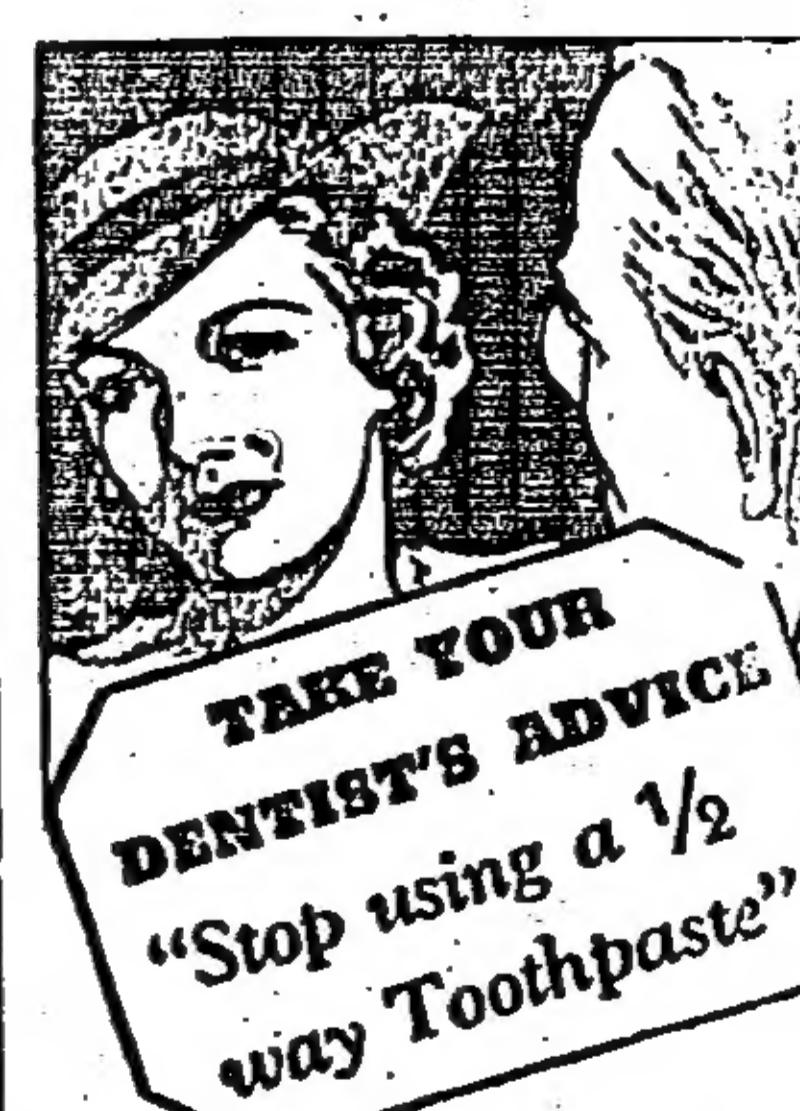
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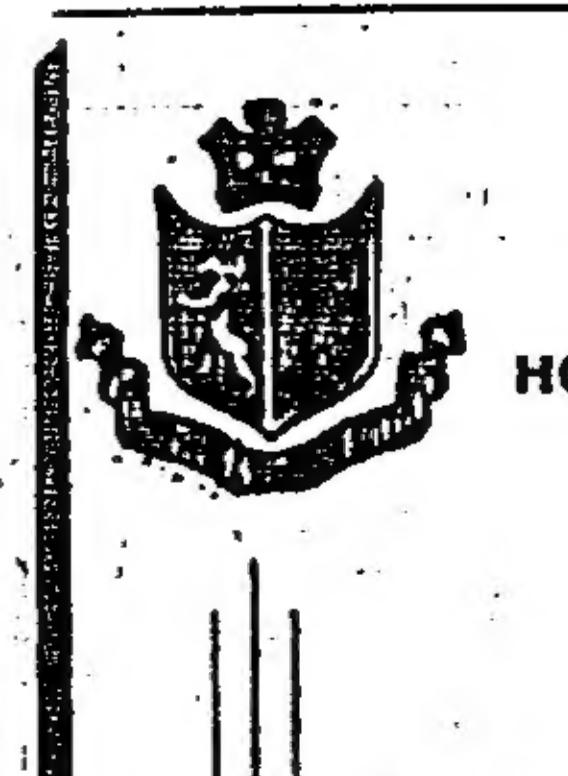


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THIS WAY TO BOLLYWOOD!

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Manslaughter Finding In Death Probe

Jury Blames Chinese Detective

European Officer Criticised

A verdict holding a Chinese detective responsible in a coolie's death and describing as highly reprehensible was returned at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday by the Jury, empowered to inquire into the death of Chan Sun, 49.

According to evidence at previous hearings, Chan was stated to have been assaulted in the Shamshui Po Police Station while being questioned in connection with the larceny of a sewing machine on August 31. Brought to the Station at 5.30 p.m., he was found later in the evening in a collapsed condition at the steps of the main door and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Jury also viewed with the gravest concern that, but for the almost accidental fact of the special order in relation to the cholera epidemic, the cause of Chan's death would never have been revealed.

Mr. Keen sat as Coroner and the Jury comprised Messrs. John Revie (Foreman), William Law, and A. F. dos Remedios. Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, and Mr. R. H. E. Marks, A.S.P., watched the proceedings on behalf of the Police.

While agreeing with the Jury that a verdict of manslaughter against persons or persons unknown was more suitable.

INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE

The only witness yesterday was Sub-Inspector W. Hynes. He said that at 5.30 p.m. on August 31 District Watchman 38 brought Chan to be questioned in connection with the larceny of the sewing machine and he told Detective C454 to take the party to the detectives' office for further inquiries. He told Sergeant Nolan to take charge of the inquiries.

At 7 p.m. Sergeant Nolan told him that Chan could not be connected with the alleged crime and was released. Two hours later Chan left in the direction of the main door.

"About four or five minutes later," continued S. I. Hynes, C454 pointed to the steps of the station where I saw Chan lying on the ground with his legs partly on the footpath and partly on the steps. C454 said Chan was suffering from pain in the stomach, suspected to have been caused by opium. I ordered an ambulance and asked the Interpreter to put the man's name in the sick and deadlist book. Chan was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital."

Sub-Inspector Hynes then went on to say that on September 2 he received a telephone message from the doctor in charge of the Mortuary that Chan had died from a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

Questioned by Mr. Whyatt, S. I. Hynes said that he knew then that Chan was married and had a fixed abode; he would not have sent him to the Hospital. When the District Watchman brought Chan to the charge-room he made an accusation against him and his (witness's) object then was to ascertain whether there was any foundation in it.

NOTHING IN BOOK

Mr. Whyatt: Did you enter the matter in the rough book?—No, I was busy at the time.

How long do you take to make such an entry?—Say three minutes.

So at 5.30 p.m. you were too busy to spare three minutes?—Yes. The

charge room was crowded at the time. What was the earliest time after 5.30 p.m. when you were not busy?—About 7 p.m., but I did not make an entry then as I did not think of it.

Why was that?—It was an oversight on my part.

S. I. Hynes admitted he knew there was more than one person implicated in the larceny. The first time he heard of this was about September 4 or 5. Before that Sergeant Nolan mentioned only Chan and nothing about Wong Lap, the other man implicated. Sergeant Nolan spoke to him about 5.30 p.m. and Chan was brought to the charge room about two and a half hours later. During that interval he would have gone down to the detectives' office to find out why Chan had not yet been brought up, if he had not been busy with other things. He did not see Wong when Chan left the station, and he knew nothing of him then.

DESCRIPTION VARIED

His description to Mr. Marks on September 22 that Chan's body was three feet inside the station was wrong. What he had just said was correct, as his recollection was better now than on September 22 because he had discussed the matter with several people. He realised the significance of the difference in the description: if what he had told Mr. Marks was correct, Chan would not have been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, as it would have been a Police case.

Mr. Whyatt: Did you take any steps to ascertain whether Chan had a wife or relatives after you had sent him to hospital?—No, because it was entirely up to the detectives to make these enquiries.

But surely it was your responsibility when you sent him to that hospital?—I took it for granted that he was not married when I was informed he had no fixed abode.

It is an unusual time to let the matter slide, isn't it?—Yes.

While committed to a policy of peace, he frankly confesses that it is a policy demanding the respect of all nations.—United Press.

AMERICAN TENSION

Relations With Japan May Be Strained

Washington, Dec. 8.

It is expected that Japanese and American relations will become worse as a result of the imminent Japanese capture of Nanking. The majority believe that following occupation of the city the Japanese will distribute feelings for an armistice when Japan will negotiate in the role of a conqueror.

Officials anticipate the real strain in Japanese and American relations will come when Japan attempts to consolidate her conquest into trade and economic advantages. It is indicated that they will protest vigorously against any Japanese attempt to close the "open door" and have drawn the attention of Mr. Cordell Hull, who has acted with his usual promptness by cabling the Consuls for full and exact information and reports indicating that the Japanese propose to assume control of the Customs besides reducing duties on a long list of Japanese products.

Officials decline to indicate or guess the length to which the United States may proceed in the event of any Japanese attempt to close the "open door." However, Mr. Hull has said that if necessary the United States must and will fight for its treaty rights.

While committed to a policy of peace, he frankly confesses that it is a policy demanding the respect of all nations.—United Press.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

London Comments On Nanking's Plight

London, Dec. 8.

Nanking's tragic position excites the wildest sympathy and many normally uninterested in the Far East commiserate with the "poor Chinamen."

The effect of Chiang Kai-shek's departure is much canvassed. Admiration for the gallant Chinese efforts does not prevent a general feeling that China will get better results by making peace now than by prolonged resistance.

In an inquiry of this kind, there were three alternate verdicts, natural death, accidental or manslaughter. Judging from the medical evidence, the first two could be ruled out, and therefore manslaughter was the only possible verdict.

Witnesses fell into three groups the uninterested ones such as the doctor and ambulance workers, District Watchman 38 and the complainant and Chinese and European Police officers. Being uninterested, the first group need not be taken into consideration, but the evidence given by the other two was more or less contradictory. It was for the Jury to decide which one of these two groups was responsible for the manslaughter.

JURY'S FINDINGS

The Jury, retired for about 15 minutes, and returned the following findings:

We find C454 guilty of manslaughter.

We consider a deliberate attempt was made to conceal what actually occurred and that the conduct of Sub-Inspector Hynes is highly reprehensible.

We view with the gravest concern that, but for the almost accidental

PILOT AND CHILD DIE IN CRASH

Strange Tragedy Of Texas Flight

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.

An Army aeroplane, apparently seeking the Austin airport in a fog, crashed into the rear portion of the home of Rev. L. J. Herrington, smashing that part of the building, but without injuring any of the seven occupants of the house.

The plane then smashed into the back part of an adjoining house belonging to Mr. Albright, killing Leonard S. Albright, his two-year-old son. Mr. Albright is a tutor of the University of Texas.

The child was sleeping at the time, with his elder brother, Spencer S. Albright, who was cut about the face.

The pilot was killed. He has been tentatively identified as Capt. F. A. Avelino, a Mexican Army officer and student of Kelly Field.

Debris of the plane and both houses were tangled and it required more than an hour to reach and cut the plane's metal to extricate the mangled pilot.—United Press.

YUNNAN TO HANOI

Eurasia Opens New Line For Weekly Service

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Following a successful test flight, the Eurasia Aviation Corporation formally inaugurated the Yunnan-Hanoi line on December 4. One round trip will be made weekly.

Arrangements are also being made to link the service with other lines of the Corporation. When these are completed the planes will take off from Hankow for Yunnanfu, via Sian and Chengtu, on Wednesdays and leave Yunnanfu for Hanoi on Thursdays. The same day they will fly back to Yunnanfu from Hanoi, resuming the trip on Fridays to Sian and Hankow.—Reuters.

BUILT BY STUDENTS

Three Machines Planned For Aeronautical College

London, Dec. 8.

Students of the College of Aeronautical Engineering are about to undertake construction of three light aeroplanes. One is to be built to a special design for the Air League of the British Empire. In another case a well-known designer has asked the College to build a new type of light aircraft for him.

The third machine expects the fall of Nanking to bring a favourable opportunity for making peace.

A warning is given by the News Chronicle against Japan being allowed to borrow abroad to finance capital development in China.

Papers in Paris, nervously canvassing the results of a Japanese victory, some warn Japan of the dangers of war attrition.—Reuters.

PHILIPPINES FEARS

Only One of Two Missing Planes Discovered

Manila, Dec. 8.

One of the two aeroplanes which set off from Cebu for Manila yesterday has been located. It made a forced landing and was slightly damaged, but the occupants are safe.

There is no news of the other plane, which was carrying Major-General Santos, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, and Lieut. William Lee, of the United States Army. Grave fears are felt for the occupants.—Reuters Bulletin.

Big Search Planned

Manila, Dec. 8.

Five United States army bombers will be used on Thursday at a cruising range permitting a comprehensive search of Tayabas and Sierra Madre mountain wilderness, in former bandit country, which is virtually impenetrable and where the fliers will conceivably live undiscovered for weeks.

An organised army of civilians will cover hundreds of square miles in the two provinces and Polillo islands in the most extensive search in local history. It is feared by some that the plane in which Major-General Santos was travelling sank in the Eastern Luzon coast.—United Press.

EURASIA PLANE

Yesterday's Arrivals By Air from Hankow

The following passengers arrived from Hankow yesterday by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation plane: G. S. Chang, S. P. Choi, Ma Lien-hsing, Ma Yu-ying, Ma Lien-mei, Mrs. Ma Deer See-ock, Y. H. Ma, T. C. Yao, Hung Chun-nien, Ma Bow-sin, Mrs. Kel Fan Chun, S. F. Ngok, Y. T. Ho, M. W. Wong, Charlotte Mary MacEwan, John R. MacEwan, C. S. Wong, Chi Ting-mei.

BANGKOK SERVICE

Statement By Eden In House of Commons

London, Dec. 8.

Questions based on the assumption that Imperial Airways failed in its efforts to establish the Bangkok-Hongkong air service, and gravely proved it was not based on fact when Mr. Anthony Eden in the Commons to-day expressed gratification in announcing that the British representative in Bangkok had reached a formal agreement with the Siamese Government on December 3 under which the service from Bangkok will be inaugurated on December 19.

Notes exchanged will be tabled in due course.—Reuters.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

(Sarason)...Xchudi Menubin accom. by Marcel Gazelle (Piano).

10.15 London Relay Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes Edith Gunther and Cecil Baum.

Minuet and Scherzo (Arensky); Pasapied (Vullemain); Si oiseau (Hensell); Feu roulant (Duvernoy); South of the Rio Grande (Jacques Miller).

10.35 Light Orchestral.

"Aida"—Ballet Suite (Verdi)....

Boston Promenade Orchestra Cond: Arthur Fielder; Serenade (Warlock)....The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond: Constant Lambert; "Capitol" Suite (Warlock); (a) Baroque; (b) Pavane; (c) Tordion; (d) Bransles; (e) Poids-en-l'air; (f) Matouchins....The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond: Constant Lambert.

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DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.30 a.m. The BBC Military Band.

7.35 a.m. "Empire Exchange."

7.30 a.m. "The People Dance."

8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m.

8.45 a.m. Big Ben. "Wheels." A feature programme by Jonquil Anthony. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.

7.30 a.m. Big Ben. "Food for Thought."

10.20 a.m. Light Classical Programme.

11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.

11.30 a.m. "Songs we used to Sing."

11.50 a.m. "Getting Ready for Christmas."

11.45 a.m. Big Ben. Jack Payne with his Band.

4.50 p.m. "Food for Thought."

5.10 p.m. The Chamber Music of Schubert.

—1. The BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra.

2. "The Gentleman Talking." Harold Abrahamson, on the Empire Games of 1938.

7.45 p.m. The BBC Military Band.

8.30 p.m. "The Black Dog."

9.15 p.m. "Ballad Singing of Delibes."

9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.

10.15 p.m. "Music of the Month." A series of two pieces.

10.30 p.m. "The Band Pump Room Orchestra."

11.00 p.m. "At the Black Dog."

11.30 a.m. Short Pianoforte Recital by Joyce Goss.

2.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.

2.30 a.m. "Music in African Life." A series of four talks: (1) "Witch Doctors and Music," by Percival H. Kirby.

4.00 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

4.30 a.m. "Music of the Month." An impression in sound and music.

4.45 a.m. "Music from the Movies."

4.50 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5.15 a.m.



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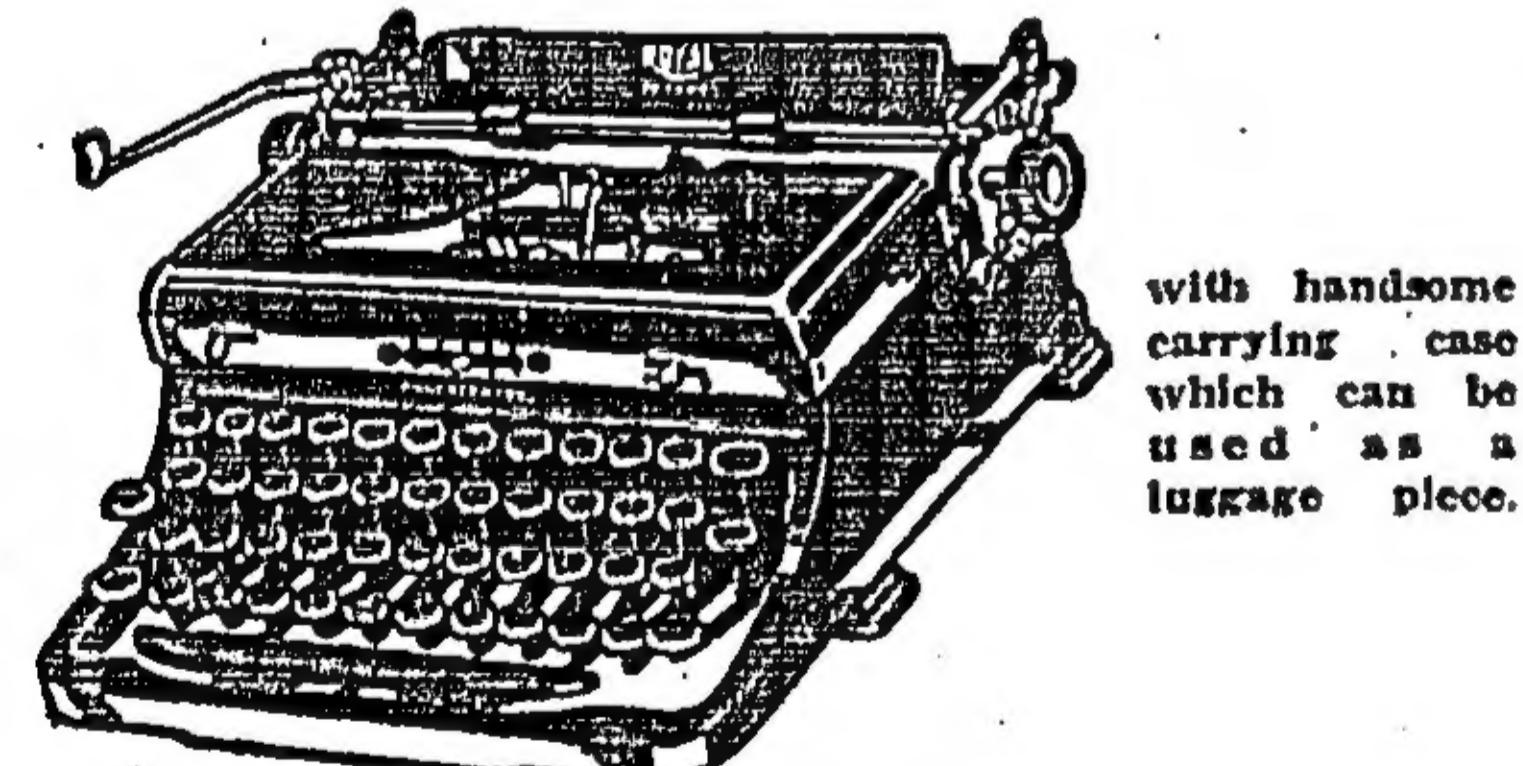
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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Whether China fights or surrenders, her future is not exactly bright. She is faced with unpleasant choices of conduct. For the moment the decision rests with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the responsibility may change hands, if rumours from the North mean anything. Whether Marshal Chiang goes or stays, may make no difference to the issue of peace or war. There are still men of spirit in the Central Government, but it is certain that the retirement of the Generalissimo would make the prospect of successful peace negotiations considerably brighter. It is very likely that any terms which Japan may offer will include the demand for the Marshal's resignation, and compliance in this one thing would possibly gain China a better bargain in surrender.

Unpleasant-as-it-is, surrender is the only word applicable. Peace will be on Japan's terms. They are bound to be severe. Will China accept them?

The situation forbids predictions. If the war is to continue it is probable that Japan will make a formal declaration of hostilities, declare the Central Government outlawed and proceed to set up a puppet regime at Nanking just as has been done in Manchukuo and, on a smaller scale, in Shanghai. The next development would probably be the occupation of seaports, Canton included. This would entail a struggle, an enormous expenditure of men and money, and a scattering of Japan's resources over a vast front. It is inevitable that the coast cities would be doomed. The Japanese Navy is in position to shell them almost at will and could thus subdue resistance. With the coast-line patrolled the pressure which Japan could apply would be enormous and her hand would be greatly strengthened when it came to negotiating peace. But even the complete severance of China's communications by sea would not mean the defeat of that country. The back door would still be open and aid, even if it takes the form of nothing more substantial than munitions and aircraft, would be available from Russia. So the situation is not hopeless from the point of view of the Chinese who wish to continue the struggle.

It is these possibilities which Marshal Chiang and his colleagues are pondering at the moment, it can be guessed. The decision they will reach within the next few days will affect China's whole destiny, and possibly the entire future of Asia. At the moment it seems that China must be prepared to lose Marshal Chiang, or Marshal Chiang may lose China.

Garage-Hand by Day . . . STAR by NIGHT

By John Bourne

Playwright, producer,
adjudicator, and editor of
"The Amateur Theatre."

DURING the day, John Smith is a minor; in the evening he is an actor. John Smith's daughter is a school teacher; but also she is an actress.

John Smith has a brother who was a miner but is now unemployed—that is, during the day.

At night he, too, "walks the boards."

Even John Smith's wife is a costumer.

The picture is no exaggeration. In all parts of England all sorts and conditions of people, sometimes whole families, are turning to the stage. The amateur season has begun.

The amateur actor of 1937 is entirely different from the happy-go-lucky player of 1900.

Then, the amateurs, enjoying their friends and fond relatives into buying tickets for their shows, were mainly copyists of the professional stage, having fun at other people's expense, and doing it largely as a social or Society function.

Now, large numbers of them are genuine students of drama striving to keep flesh and blood acting alive in places where there are no theatres and where, but for their efforts, plays would never be seen.

By reason of hard work at drama schools and the introduction of the producer, amateur acting has greatly improved. It is much more of a communal effort in which people of all classes gather together to experiment with original plays or to produce established successes.

Theatres or cinemas to little village groups performing in old army huts or schoolrooms.

Children, too, now act in large numbers occasionally as part of their school curriculum. There has lately arisen a "Theatre of Youth," with Dame Sybil Thorndike as president.

The movement is certainly intense—especially among the smaller groups. These, anxious to be independent, are struggling to possess their own headquarters.

Already some strange buildings have been transformed into "little theatres"—barn, a laundry, an old garage, a disused railway station, a cellar, a chapel, a cowshed.

In them stages have been built, with great economy, and everything—from the scenery to the seats—has been made or "picked up cheap."

ON the other hand, amateurs with rather more resources have set up comfortable and fully-equipped theatres of their own, notably at Dundee, Altrincham and Southport.

The Southport Little Theatre, opened recently, has cost nearly £15,000, and seats 400.

Unemployed groups are numerous. One such toured the dis-



A typical situation for an amateur actor—after work in his garage he becomes Captain Arthur Donegall in "Floradora."

Indeed, found it profitable to turn their attention to the all-women play, both one-act and full-length.

Sometimes there are incongruities, especially when women attempt male characterization. Not long ago an all-women society seriously debated whether it should attempt

Journey's End!

The fact remains, however, that all-women casts

have played *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Hamlet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Henry the Fourth* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

While most Women's Institutes prefer to keep their casts entirely to their members, some do not disdain the help of men.

Dramatic festivals are growing in popularity. That organised on a national scale by the British Drama League is the biggest, with about 700 entries per annum.

One-act plays only are performed in this festival, and by a process of elimination five "teams" from five different parts of Great Britain are chosen to play in a final, generally held at the Old Vic.

AT the final early this year a company entirely composed of miners came from Scotland and was placed second for its performance of *Joe Corrill's Hawers of Coal*.

There is a move this season to transfer this final to Glasgow during the time of the Empire Exhibition.

Independent festivals, usually held for a week at a time, are locally organised in certain centres, sometimes with the support of the Corporation. Both one-act and full-length plays are performed.

Among the towns and cities regularly running such events are Buxton, Blackpool, Doncaster, Scarborough, Morecambe, Harringate, Huddersfield, Skipton and Weymouth.

Wales is strong in drama weeks. In one case the local cinema was bought out for six days so that stage plays could take the place of films.

The three chief organisations advising all this activity are the British Drama League, the Scottish Community Drama Association and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. The movement also has its own magazine, "The Amateur Theatre and Playwrights' Journal."

WHERE it is all leading nobody can foretell. But there is no doubt that amateur acting today is a great class leveller, since "mixing" is essential to success. It is also a valuable corrective to the routine life so many people lead in factories, mines, shops and offices.

Apart from the fun of it and the service it renders in keeping drama alive, it has its psychological use in making maidens into mistresses, clerks into kings and miners into directors—if only for a night.

To-day's Thought
HEAVEN ne'er helps the man
who will not act
—SOPHOCLES.

Auld Donal', The Cabby

IN the leisurely days before the advent of the motor car, a certain top-hatted worthy known as Auld Donal' acted as charioteer for many travellers.

He occupied the best stance near the station, by fair means or foul, and piled a very successful trade, chiefly because of his "gift" of the gibe, and his determination never to let a potential customer elude him.

His white side-whiskers contrasted strikingly with his dark face and he wore a tight-fitting tail-coat, almost green, with age. Auld Donal' himself was weighed down with years and "sail trounced wi' rheumatism," but he never lost his zeal for his trade, and vowed that he would rather die in his cab than in his bed.

His ramshackle equipage bore the same evidence of having seen better days, and Tam Tirl, his old grey horse, seemed to be suffering from the same disease as its master. Yet it valiantly hobbled along, and was always certain to reach its destination some time or another.

Between the fares Auld Donal' would sit on the box, idly flourishing the whip that he would never dream of using on Tam Tirl, and smoking an antiquated cutty pipe. But his keen eyes were ever on the look-out for customers, and once he had spied a likely fare, he would crack his whip to attract attention.

"Cab, sir, cab?" was his cry. "Here ye are! Tam Tirl an' me are ready to tak ye anywhere ye want—frae Land's End to John o' Groats, gin ye like. Just step intybe an' say the word. There's no man shainey-fited beast on the roads than Tam Tirl. See at him cockin' his lugs! Step away, sir, an' he'll be raw affrontin' that's richt. Is w' ye! Haud tight! Now we're aff!"

Who benefited in the long run it was difficult to tell, but Auld Donal' was reckoned by the other cabbies to be "geyan rowthy" in spite of his dilapidated appearance. He never failed to enjoy his wealth, however, but was often heard to remark that "As lang as Tam Tirl can tak the road ye'll find me on the box."

Fortunately for the old cabby's pride, his day was done before the motor car arrived to oust him from his place. But there were many who would have given up the swifter mode

of travelling for the privilege of a bumpy journey in his old cab and the pleasure of hearing again the pawky remarks he addressed to Tam Tirl.

Levinia Dorwell

WOMAN SAYS "PARNELL WAS MY FATHER..."

AND NOW MY MONEY HAS GONE"

"He Was Kind To Us But We Were Afraid"

(By A Special Correspondent)

A woman who claims to be the last child of Charles Stewart Parnell, the famous Irish politician, and Katie O'Shea is living almost penniless with her husband in a shabby London house.

She is Mrs. Katharine Moule, aged 52, who keeps a boarding-house in Mornington-crescent, Camden Town, N.W.

In a blank bedroom at the top of the house, which the lots for £25,000 a week when she can, she told me her story.

"I was born on November 27, 1884," she said, "to Kate O'Shea and Charles Stewart Parnell. I am the third and last of their children."

"Claude Sophie, their first, was born, and died, in 1882, and Clare, who died 20 years ago, was born in 1883, so I am the last of their children and the nearest relative to Parnell living to-day."

"Claude Sophie is the only baby of Parnell my mother mentions in her book of his life, and none of us is mentioned in reference books."

LIKE HER MOTHER

"I was born at my mother's house at Eltham, Kent. My father was particularly fond of me because I was the baby most like my mother and had her grey eyes. Clare and Sophie had brown eyes and were like him."

"I clearly remember leaving Eltham after my mother's Aunt 'Bess' died in 1888. We went to live at Walsingham-Terrace, Brighton, and felt very important when we heard people whispering, 'That is Parnell's house.'

"My first memory of my father was seeing him seated at his writing desk in the dining-room. He looked so grave and rather terrifying with his dark beard and pale, sad face. He was always very kind to us, but we thought him rather serious. He always seemed worried and engrossed, and we were a little afraid of him."

"He had a telescope and used to study the stars. He said in the stars lived the spirits of people dead. I also clearly remember a pestle and mortar he had which used to fascinate me. He used it for chemical experiments."

"When I was seven I could read quite well, and when he was ill he liked me to read aloud to him. I read, of all things, 'The Last Days of Pompeii.'

THE WEDDING

"But he and my mother were deliciously happy in 1891 when her divorce from Capt. O'Shea was finally through and they were married at Steyning Registry Office. I was only seven but I can remember that day, June 25, very clearly."

"The horror and sadness of the house when Parnell died in my mother's arms the same year they were married, I shall never forget."

"I saw Parnell for the last time when we children were being shpherded up to the nursery. I, curious, peeped through the door of his room and saw his pale, racked face on a pillow."

"My mother always called him 'Mister.' He called her 'Katie.'

"I lived with my mother until 1907 when I married Major Louis Horsford D'Oyley. Moule. In 1910 he had to leave for West Africa, where he was appointed district commissioner."

"In 1921 my mother died and members of the O'Shea family, with whom I was never very popular, took my silence as callousness. I was numb with unhappiness. She was wonderful to her children. No one could have had a better mother."

"She left me £2,000, and with it I bought this house. My husband commuted his pension into a sum of nearly £1,000, and we lived quite comfortably on our capital for years."

"Now, of course, the money has gone. I realise we were silly now. It is difficult to make ends meet running a boarding-house like this."

Poker Club Run By Lawyer Lost £9,000

From a basement coal delivery entrance of Bankruptcy Buildings, Carey-Street, W.C., recently bobbed a bald-headed little solicitor as his creditors left by ordinary exits.

The solicitor, bankrupt William Fielder Johnson, had just attended his adjourned public examination by Mr. S. W. Hood, Official Receiver, before bewigged Mr. Registrar Kean. Public benches of the court were crammed with creditors.

The Official Receiver asked: "You began to use clients' money, and as a result of further losses you used more and more of clients' money?"

"Yes," replied debtor Johnson. "And the amount due to those clients now is £121,800?" "Yes," was the answer again.

Johnson admitted his liabilities were £179,042.5s. 10d., and assets £13,455.8s. 4d., with a deficiency of £165,588 17s. 9d.

For more than an hour the questioning continued, revealing that Johnson, while practising as a solicitor, ran a bridge, poker and social club, and boarding houses, financed companies to build an airship, carry on a sports club, build a ship for trading on the River Congo.

On his poker and social club debtor Johnson estimated his loss at £9,000. -

Official Receiver: "You knew you were insolvent in 1929 or 1930. Since then, you incurred debts amounting to £6,165 for goods and work alone. Have you any explanation?"

Johnson: "No, except that I was trying to make good."

"You say your average household and personal expenses were £2,500 a year. Why did you push up your expenses by £500 in the last twelve months?" "I was not living any differently. My garden was bigger."

"Were you supporting another household?" "I had a small house at Littlechampion."

"Were you supporting some one other than your relatives?" "No. The examination was concluded."

Oil Drills Sunk 2 Miles

Tulsa, Okla. Oilfield operating equipment has come a long way since the first well was drilled at Titusville, Pa., in 1859. The first well was only 59 feet deep. Today giant rotary drills are manufactured which are capable of drilling two miles into any kind of rock formation:

This Dog Earned £70 A Second In Race

A dog which was bought for £2,000, Ballyhennessy Sandhills, recently won for his owner, Mrs. Cearns, of Wimbledon, £2,000 in 28.99 seconds.

He won this sum—biggest prize ever offered for a greyhound race—in the White City 500-yards event.

For every yard he ran he earned £1, or £70 a second.



As a token of friendliness with Italy, the King of Yemen, whose territory lies across the Red Sea from Ethiopia, sent three white horses as a gift to Premier Mussolini. Here one of the valuable Arab steeds is led from a railroad van, in Rome. Horses were also sent to King Victor Emmanuel.

PATIENTS WON'T LET US KEEP THEM ALIVE — SAYS A DOCTOR

A London County Council hospital doctor telephoned a London newspaper the other day. "There has been a lot of criticism of doctors recently," he said. "Why not give your readers the doctor's point of view?"

"Tell them how public funds are wasted, how deserving cases are kept out of hospital beds, how the blood of donors is wasted because the poor-law doctor may do nothing to interfere with the liberty of the patient."

A reporter went to see him. This is what the doctor said:

Twenty-five per cent. of the beds in poor-law hospitals would be vacant, or free for fresh cases, if poor-law doctors could occasionally be high-handed with their patients.

Pints of human blood would never be taken from Red Cross donors. And we could reduce cases of tuberculosis to sporadic outbreaks.

Let me give examples from my own hospital, one of the largest and best-run in London. The same thing is happening all over the country.

Last week a woman was admitted with severe Bright's disease. I recognised her at once as a patient who had discharged herself from hospital six months previously against my advice.

General hospitals can bring pressure to bear on difficult patients.

But under the present poor-law legislation we cannot secure the necessary co-operation.

FOUR YEARS TO LIVE

She had then been suffering from a condition which occurs in 4 per cent. of expectant mothers, and is easily cured by short hospital treatment.

I told that woman I could cure her if she would stay in hospital for two weeks. She refused to stay more than two days.

She is only 22, and has one child. She had a normal expectancy of life.

Now she cannot live more than four years. And for a large part of that time she will occupy a hospital bed.

I have a man patient with a gastric ulcer. He first came to hospital several months ago.

We gave him a blood transfusion and told him we could cure his condition in two months if he would stay for treatment.

He refused, and walked out of hospital.

Since then he has returned to us three times, each time seriously ill and each time requiring a blood transfusion to keep him human.

We cannot refuse him human blood, or he would die. But each time he is taking a pint of blood from a healthy man when, with a little co-operation from him, no more transfusions would be necessary.

Such cases are occurring daily in every department of our hospital, and in every other poor-law hospital.

A patient comes to us with active tuberculosis. He agrees to become an in-patient.

After partial treatment he thinks he is well again and insists on leaving hospital.

A MENACE

We offer to send him to a convalescent home, free of cost to himself. Instead, he returns to his home to infect his family.

RADIO BROADCAST

Doreen Ma at the Piano From the Studio

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Radio Programme Broadcast from Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.).

H.K.T. 12.12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal and Piano).

Would You? (film 'San Francisco'); I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's Love Again'); Empty Saddles (film 'Rhythm On The Range').

12.40 Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Touch Of Your Lips; Gone (film 'Love On The Run'); When Is A Man Not A Man (film 'Champagne Waltz'); Cowboy; It's Got To Be Love (from 'On Your Toes'); What Will I Tell My Heart; On The Trail Where The Sun Hangs Low.

1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Jack Hyton and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Lord And Lady Whoop-Whoop; When You Gotta Sing You Gotta Sing (film 'Gangway'); Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon; Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It; Orchestra—Sweet Sue (Young); Fox-Trot—Gangway; Moon Or Moon (film 'Gangway'); Waltz Medley—Waltzes From Vienna (arr. Korngold, Blitzer, Clutsum and Griffiths).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Chopin Compositions.

Nocturne In B Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 3.

...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Mazurka, Op. 33, No. 4; Mazurka, Op. 24, No. 4...Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

1.56 The Band Of H. M. Cold-Stream Guards.

Marlin—Selection (Fiotow); Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing Of The Guard (Flosom and Jetsam); Sousa Medley (Sousa).

2.05 Close Down.

8.05-11 Chinese Programme.

5 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

During the intervals dance records will be played from Z.B.W.

6 Studio—Children's Concert.

6.45 Paul Robeson (Bass); Go Down, Moses (Burleigh); Plantation Songs.

6.50 Musical Comedy.

The Love Race—Selection (Clarke); 'Charlot's Masquerade'; Selection...New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Careless Rapture' (Novello—Has-sell); Love Me The Song...Syllabub; Crawley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duet); Music In May...Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations Report.

7.30 London Relay—Sportsmen Talking.

Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.

7.45 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.

1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in my Life; It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Tea for Two.

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

8.15 Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme Broadcast from Z.E.K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Variety.

Orchestra—London Rhapsody—Vocal Selection; Vocalists...The London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Deep Desert; My Way (film 'Jerkcho')...Paul Robeson (Bass); Rose Of England ('Crest of the Wave'); Edgar Elmhurst (Baritone); Haven Of Your Heart ('Crest of the Wave')...Olive Gilbert (Contralto); 'Cello-Czardas (Adolph Fischer); Papillon (David Popper)...Rudolf Dietzmann.

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

8.45 Hours by Elisabeth Schumann (Pianist).

He praised, thou peaceful night ('The Vagabond'—Ziehrer); Ever softer grows my slumber ('Lingg-Brahms'); Op. 105, No. 2; Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms).

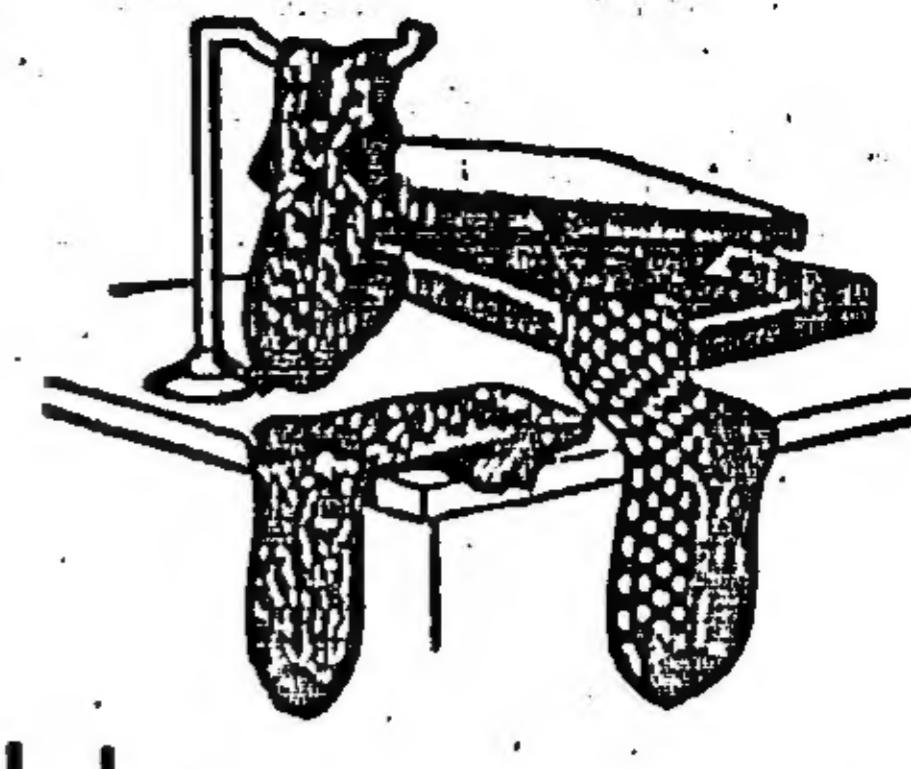
9.10 London Relay—Food For Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin and Banjo); Gigi (Tenor).

Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms-Jochim); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate)...Yehudi Menuhin (Piano); If My Mother Only Knew (Nuttie); Night In Venice (Camari-Curti); You Are My Life (from 'The Slim Bazaar'); Gigi; Hungarian Dance No. 6 In B Flat Major (Brahms-Jochim); Romanza Andaluzia, Op. 22 (Continued on Page 5.)



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Fierce Drives Overwhelm Miss Madge Griffiths

THREE SETS PLAYED

SHARP CONTRAST IN STYLE

(By "Abe")

The ladies' tennis open singles final played at the United Services R.C. yesterday between Miss Rose Perry and Miss Madge Griffiths was chiefly notable for one thing; it was watched by seven people altogether, including a Pressman (myself), a cameraman (the one who took these pictures) and the umpire (Dr. J. Smalley)—probably the smallest crowd that has ever watched a Colony tennis final.

This would be surprising if one did not know the reason. Actually, I do not think the match had been publicly announced; as a matter of fact, I did not know that it was on until fifteen minutes yesterday when I was informed about the fixture by a friend, who had himself just heard about it. It was no won-



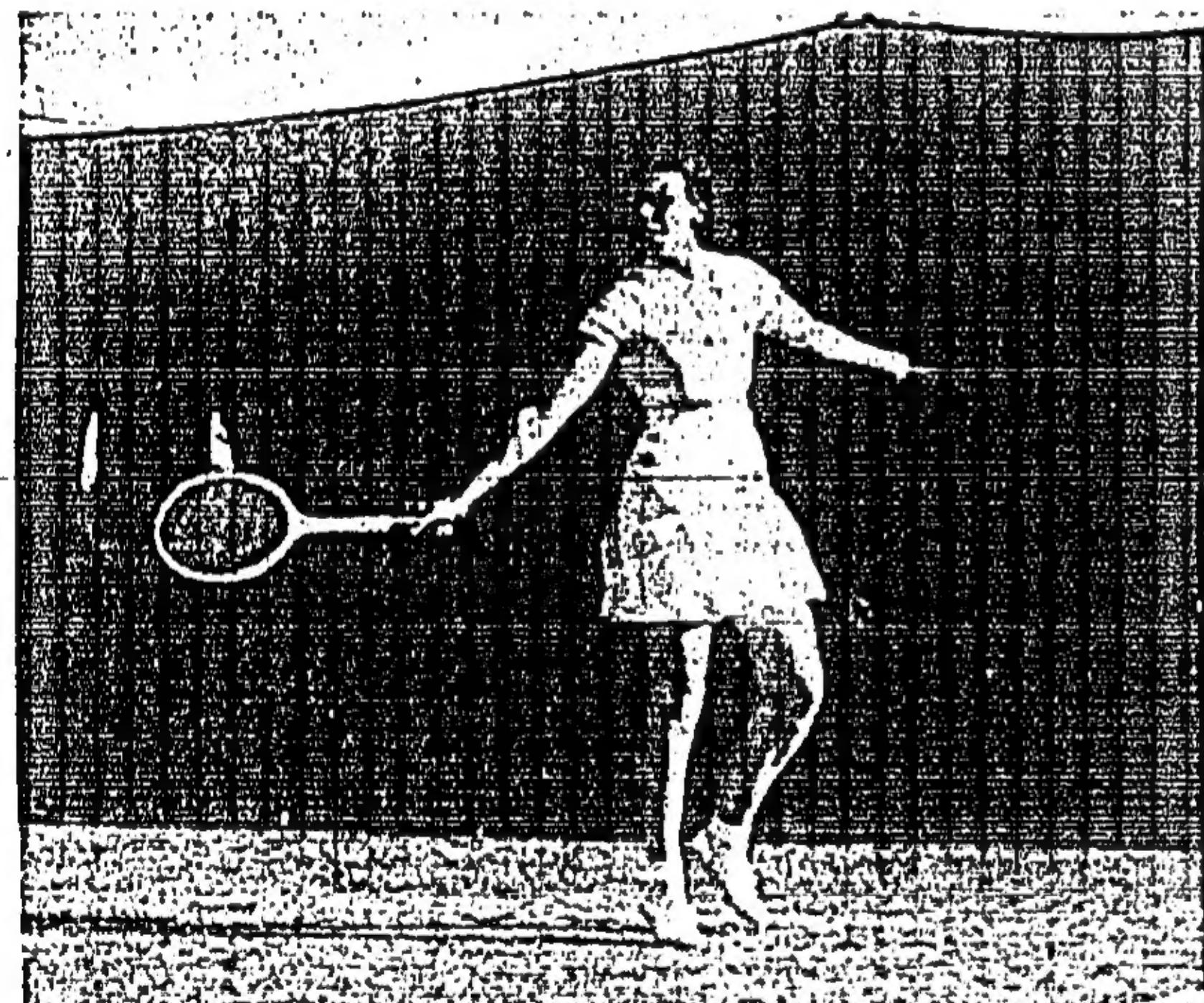
Miss Rose Perry in action yesterday.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

der, therefore, that so few were present at the match.

Those who were there, however, did not regret being present, for the tennis provided by the two finalists was always interesting and presented a sharp contrast in styles. Miss Perry depended on her hard hitting to win her points, whereas Miss Griffiths was more patient and was content to wait for her opponent to make the mistakes. The former was definitely the better of the two to watch because she was not afraid to take a chance; and she hit every ball as if she meant to finish off the rally there and then.

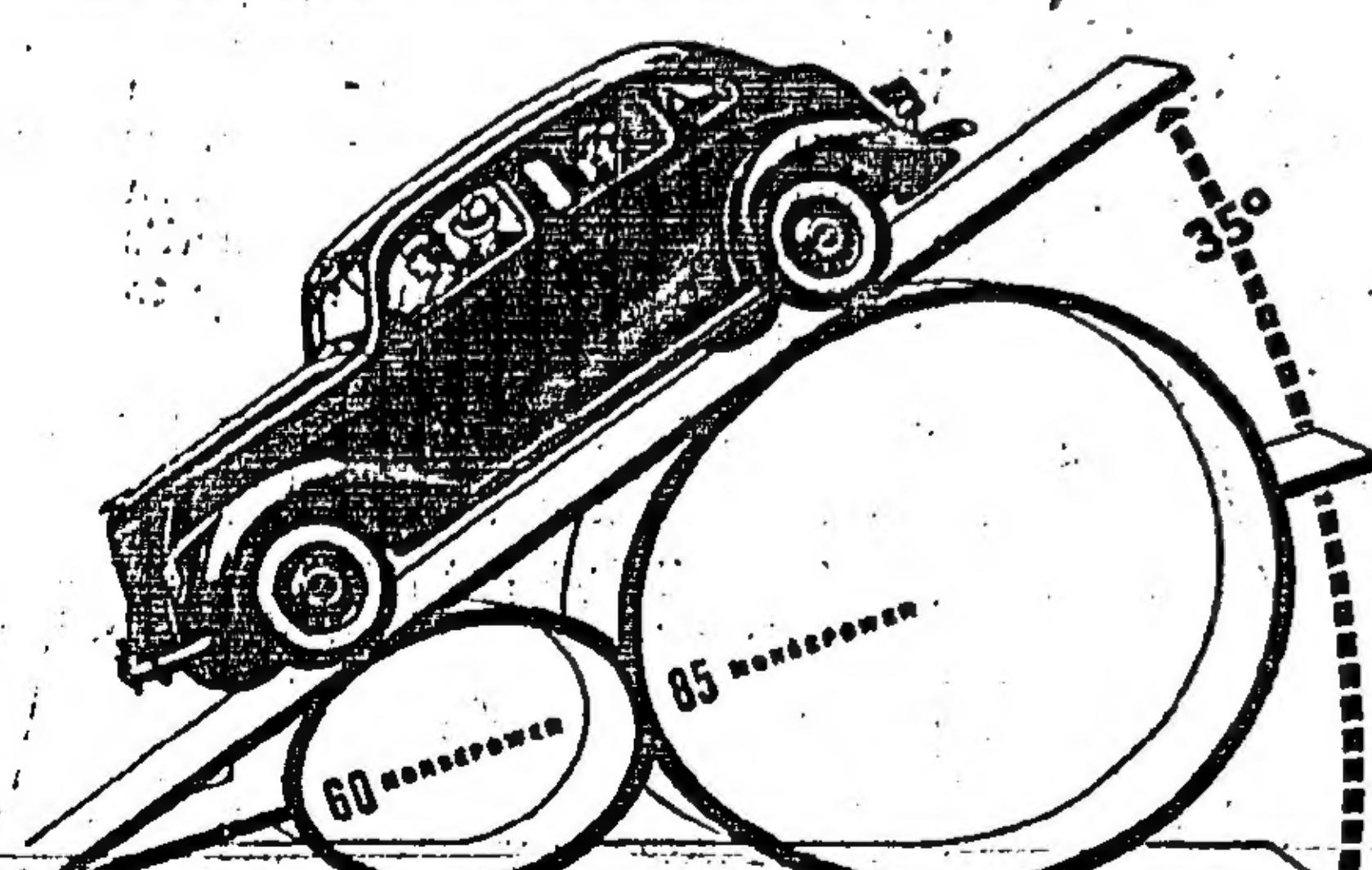
As only to be expected from one who relies on forcefulness, Miss Perry was not always successful with her drives on both hands; but she never gave up trying and was finally rewarded when Miss Griffiths' fine recovering powers broke down in the third set, which was won to love.

The final scores were 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 in favour of Miss Perry, who (Continued on Page 9.)



Miss Madge Griffiths did well to win the first set.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

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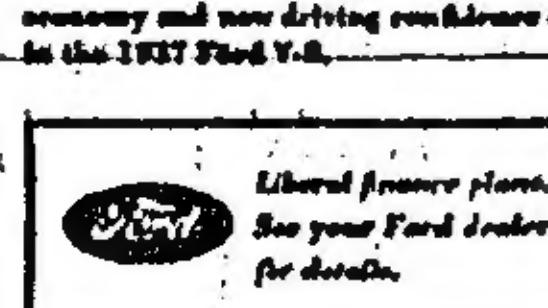


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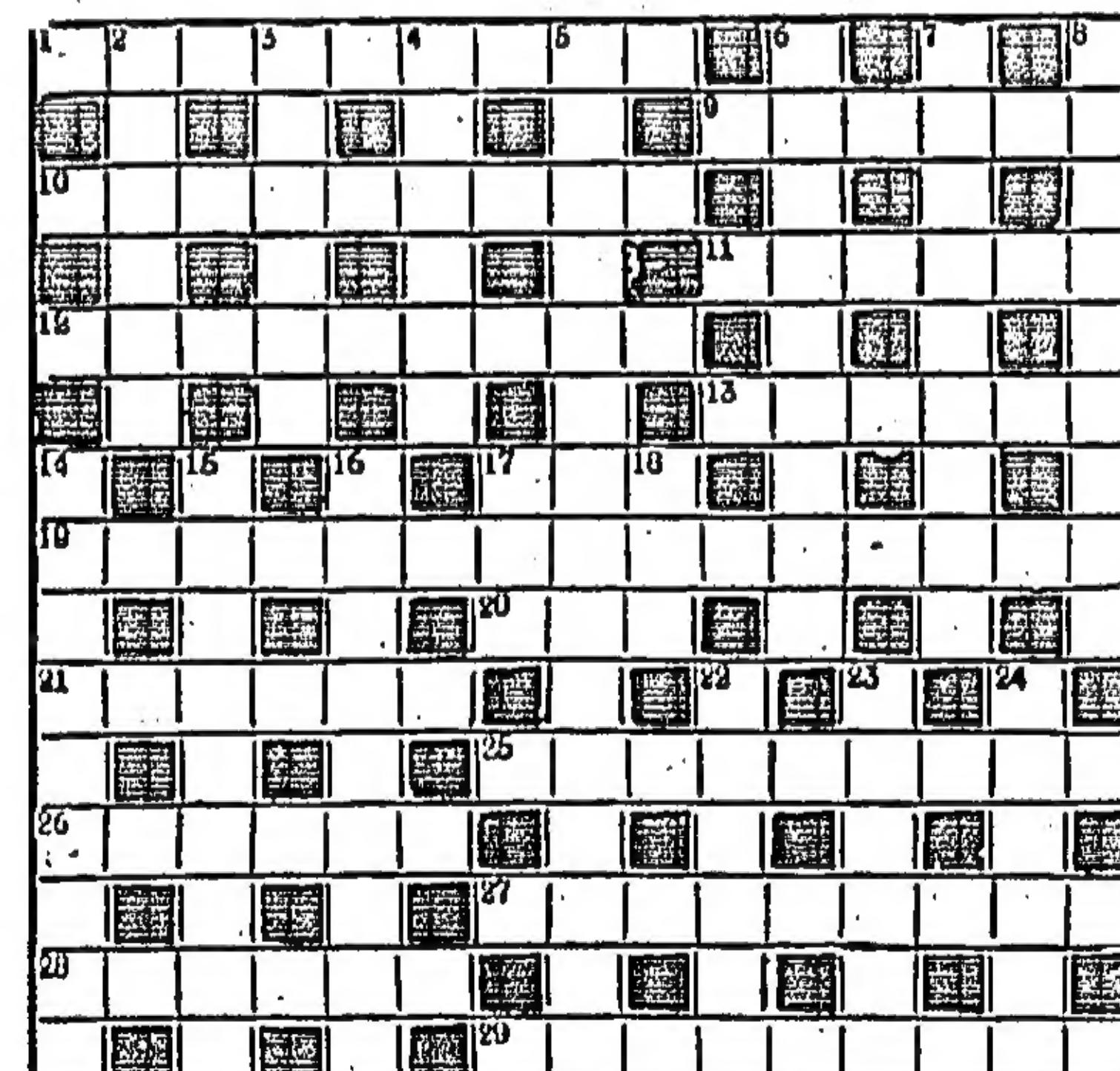
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- Walk with an obvious sway (9).
- The addition that the old maid did not like to obey in the Census paper (9).
- Question (9).
- Its tenant apparently consumed this official building (9).
- Not in good hand, in a way (9).
- Seed (go up down round the corner for the bird) (3).
- The reason for the search for knowledge (13).
- Procure (3).
- Those who stand a good this have a prospect (9).
- Tolsoone (9).
- Part of Llantrindod Wells (6).
- "Gun in ship" might be an apt anagram in wartime (8).
- Sad (6).
- This English town announces its nature and position (9).
- DOWN
- Use (6).
- No epithet for the nudists (6).
- An early walk (6).
- This kind of reading might apparently be circulars about some bulbs (two words—5, 10).
- Pressure on this helps in the row (6).
- Not exactly an author, except for the better (8).

Yesterday's Solution

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So it's "nerves" that you're suffering from?

Well, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, you're not short of company. Sir Farquhar Buzzard has just been saying we lose ten million working weeks a year on account of "nerves."

Much of this trouble could be avoided, and ANTHONY WEYMOUTH, pen name of an eminent Harley-street specialist, has written telling you what to guard against.

But first of all what are "NERVES"?

TEN MILLION working weeks a year lost through "nerves" I expect that makes you think?

Now, Mr. Smith, I don't suppose you like statistics any more than I do. But this is rather a staggering figure, isn't it?

But do you know, Mr. Smith—or do you, Mrs. Smith—what is meant by "nerves"? Do the words "neuroses" and "psycho-neuroses" convey anything to you? For, as Sir Farquhar Buzzard, the distinguished nerve-specialist, told a meeting of industrialists last Wednesday, it is these nervous disorders which are responsible for all this time that is being wasted.

Well, how often do you hear people say: "He's had a nervous breakdown"; "His nerves are bad"; or "The doctor says he's a bundle of nerves"?

Of course, we all know more or less what we mean when we use these phrases. We picture the poor chap who can't sleep, and who jumps at sudden noises, and who can't keep his attention fixed on what he is doing.

But I don't suppose for a moment that you or Mrs. Smith have any idea what has made your friend Jones such a wreck, you will have to put up with a few more lessons.

You probably realise, Mr. Smith, that when you refer to this kind of thing as "nerves" you are being a little careless in your choice of words. You don't mean the long string-like cords which run from your brain and spinal cord down the arms and legs.

—What you have got in mind is a nervous disorder known usually as "nerves." And the experts classify nervous disorders into two groups—organic and functional. Forget the first—they are rare, and what is more, do not come into our idea of "nerves."

The second group is what really matters, because one in fourteen people suffers from "functional nervous disorders," and it is this group which costs us in Britain those ten million weeks a year.

Let us just explain the words "neuroses" and "psycho-neuroses," then we won't use them again—they are just clumsy classics. Neuroses mean lots of things, and different things to different people.

But if you look upon them as nervous disturbances in which bodily workings are more marked than mental, you won't be far out.

Neurasthenia—which is chronic fatigue—is a good example. "Psycho-neuroses" mean all those tiresome symptoms which are included in "nervous breakdown"; you know, "bitter, can't-sleep, can't-digest, can't-concentrate." And that's that.

IT is your nervous system—brain and spinal cord—which is upset. Result: no part of the mechanism works properly. And

this wretched little microbe that upsets the works.

Commonest symptom of this form of "nerves" is depression. And—my goodness—how black everything can look when one has had a real go of it!

But that is not the only poison, because it can be bad enough, in all conscience. But your body and mind, Mr. Smith, can make enough poison to fill a chemist's shop when they really try.

And if the blood is full of poisons it is a sure thing that the sensitive tissues of our nervous systems won't escape. Symptoms vary with the poison; and there is a large variety to choose from, modom!

But here's one really important change which happens when you are in for a breakdown. When you are really fit, you don't feel one part of your body more than another—because all the sensations are fused as they reach the brain.

But once the nervous system gets upset there's hardly any limit to the horrid feelings you may get. Not pain necessarily, but tingling, numbness, hot and cold, restlessness, feelings of emptiness and fulness...

And that, Mr. Smith, is what happens to you if you "have a nervous breakdown." Not very nice, is it?

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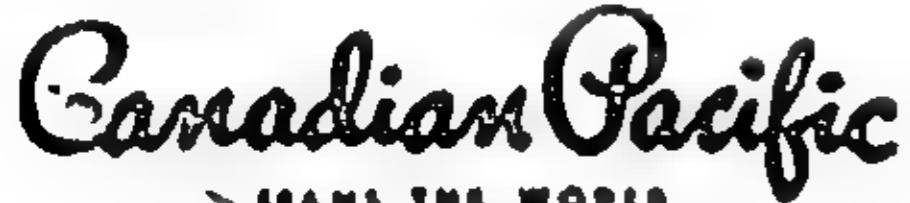
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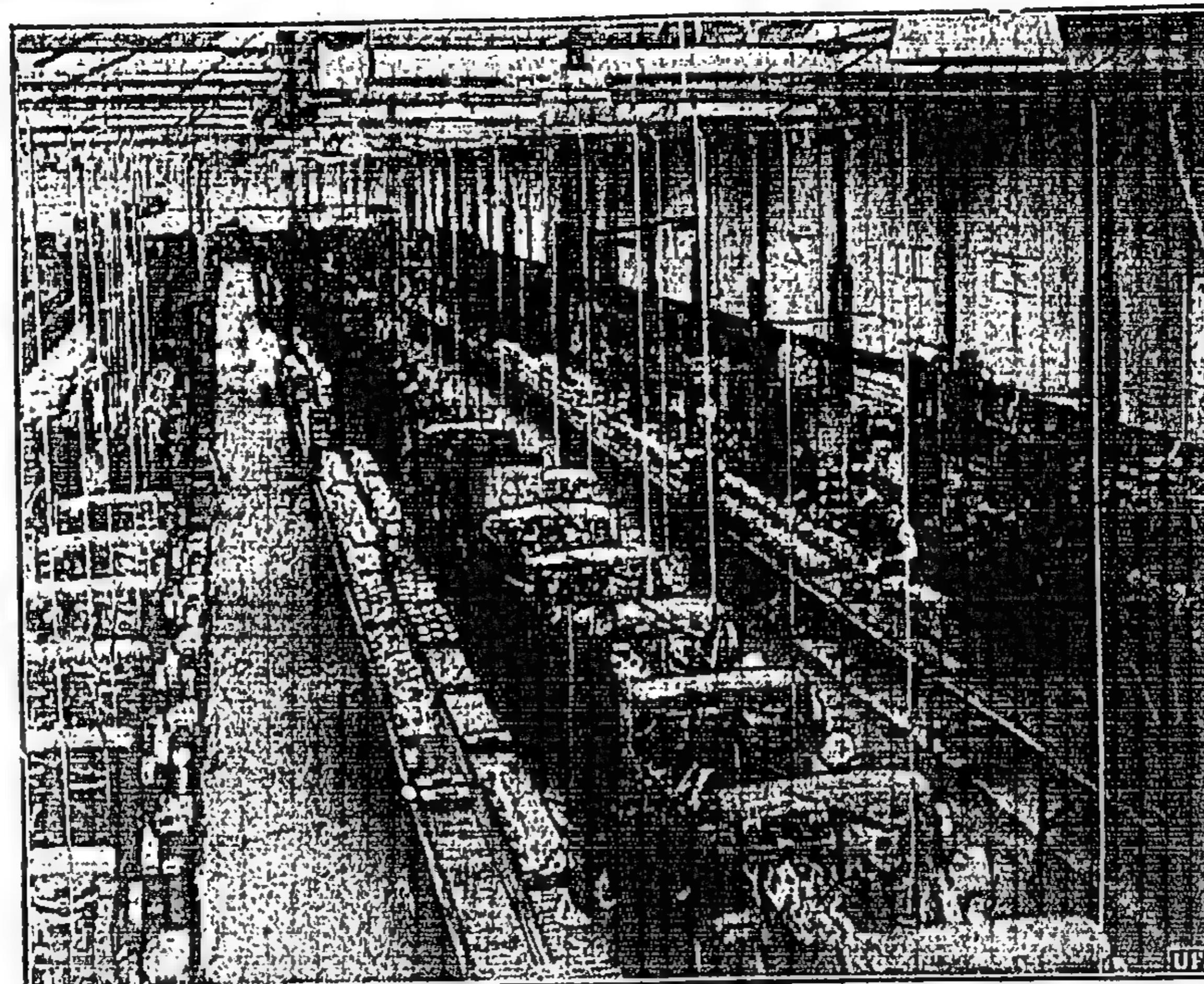
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READY TO BE STARCHED



First entrants in the 6th annual Silver Bay Kennel Club show at San Diego, Cal., were these quintuplet pups, owned by Captain C. S. Beale. Miss Mickey Flanagan, right, gave them a good scrubbing, in preparation for the show, and hung them up to dry. They are two-month-old Boston. The Silver Bay show attracts hundreds of national entries.

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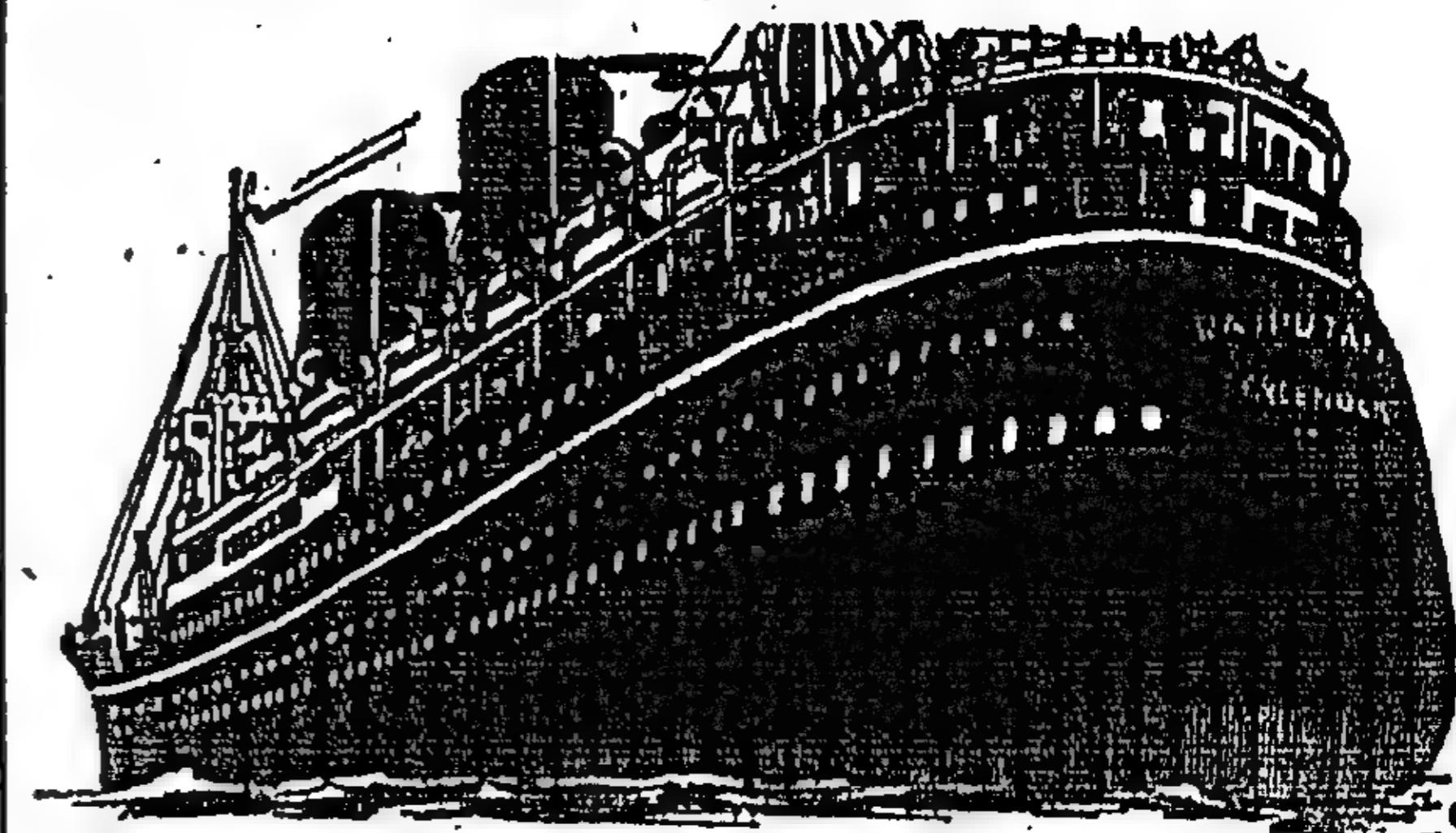
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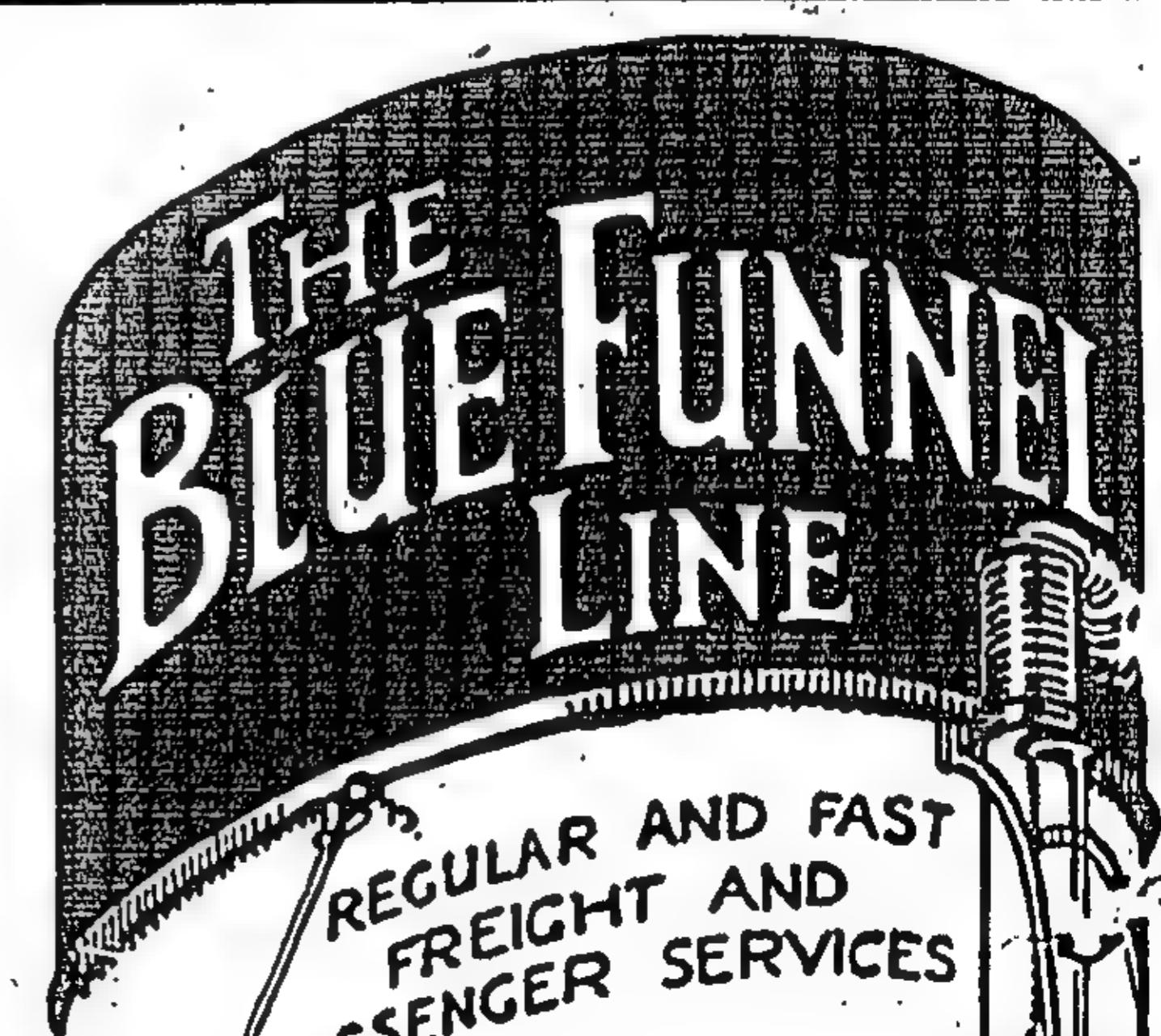
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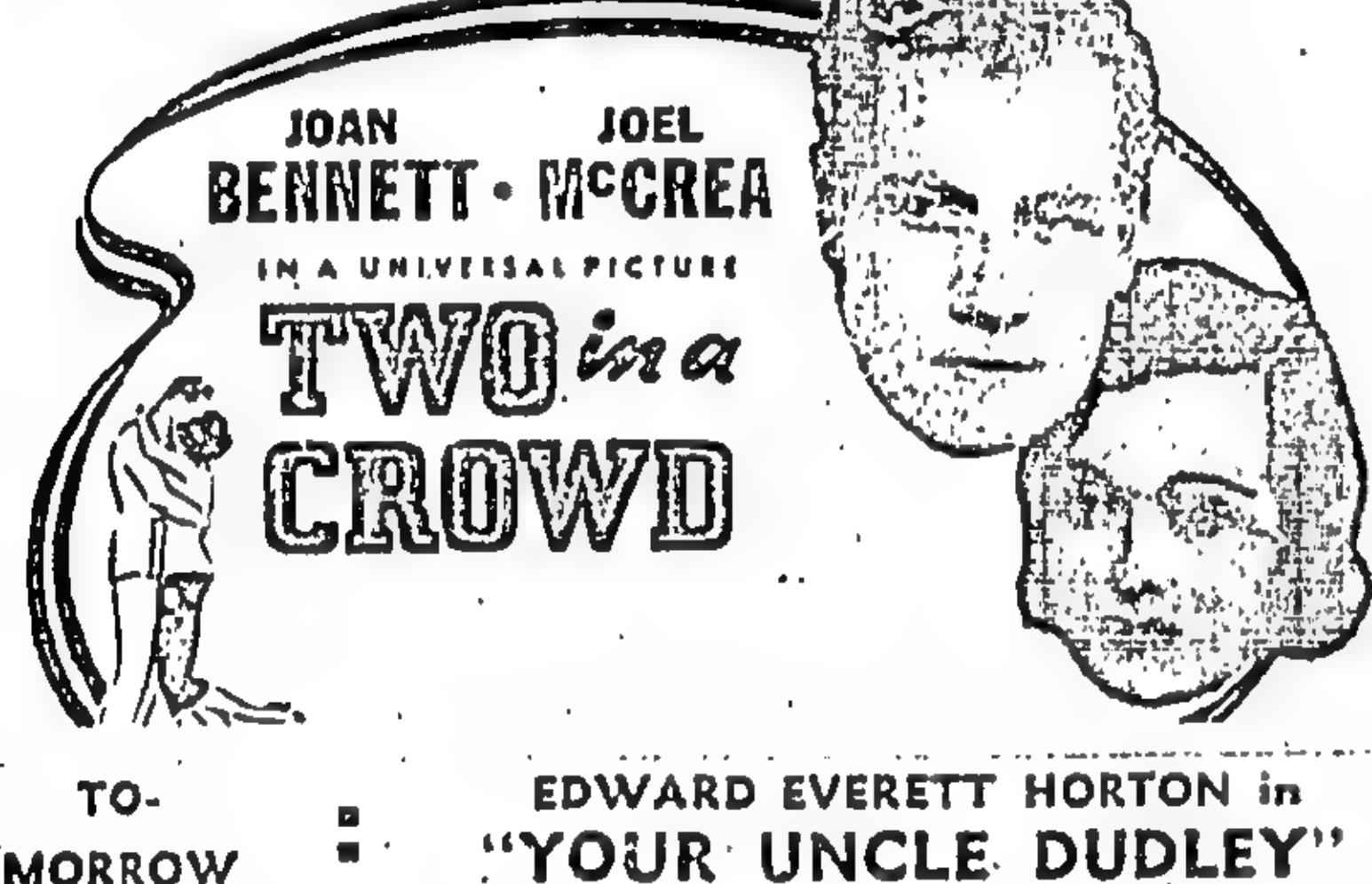
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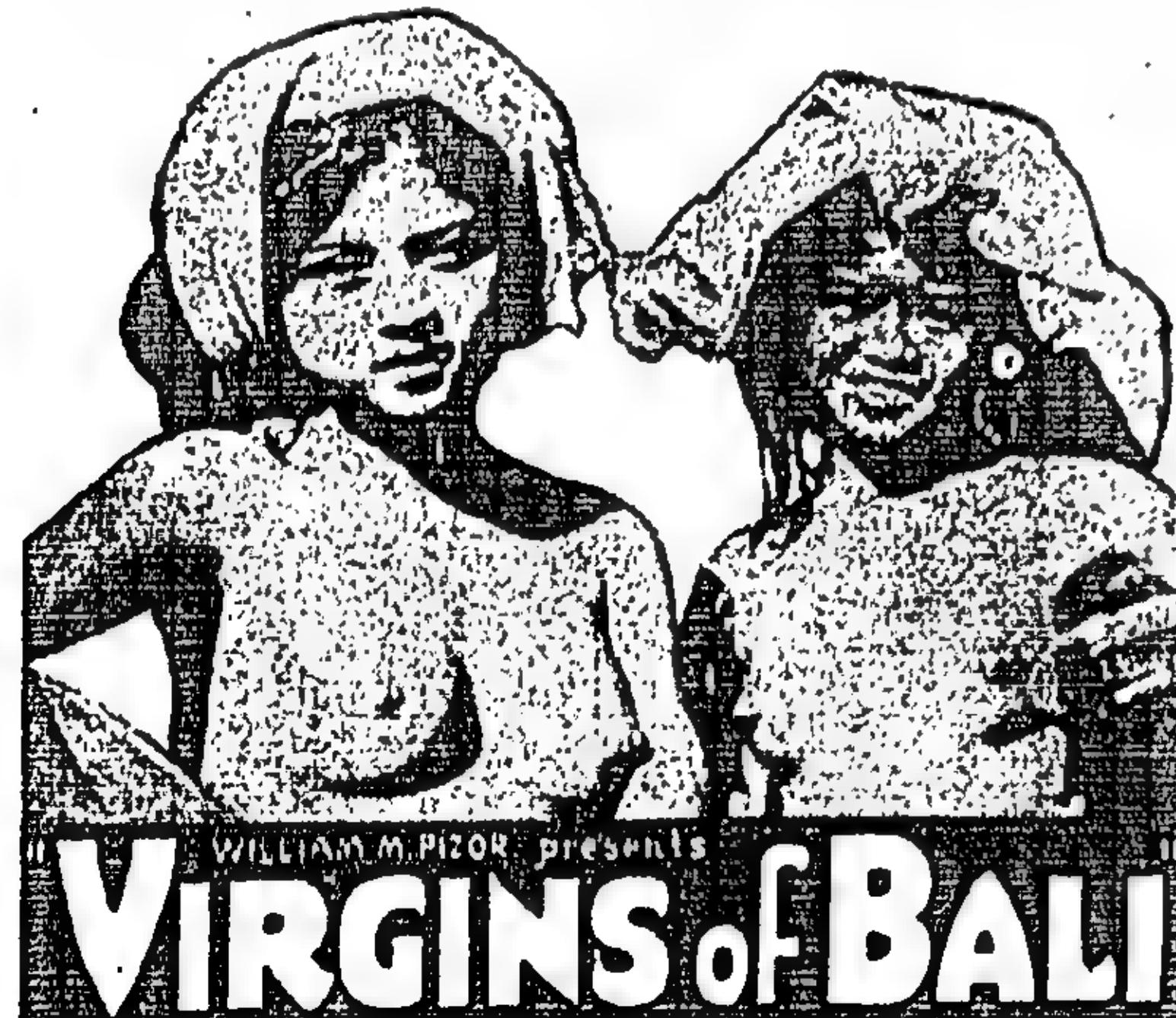
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HONGKONG REMINDED OF TESTS

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The following communiqué was issued by the Colonial Secretariat yesterday:

The Public is reminded of the "black-out" which will be in force from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday December 9. The Temporary Regulations under the Lighting Control Ordinance, 1936, providing for this "black-out" were published in the Government Notification No. 872 in the Hongkong Government Gazette of December 3, 1937, and, with an explanatory notice, in the local Press on the same day.

With certain exceptions, which are specified in the Temporary Regulations, all external lights must be extinguished, and all internal lights, if not extinguished, must be so screened as to be invisible from outside.

The use of headlights on motor vehicles is prohibited.

The public is particularly requested to note that the "black-out" must commence punctually at 8 p.m., irrespective of whether the alarm, which will be tested at approximately that time, is heard. It is not expected that the alarm will be heard outside certain parts of the Central District.

APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION

Li Ting-Int appeared this morning before the Court of Appeal, with Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice, on the Bench. He was appealing against the conviction by Mr. Kennedy Skipton in Police Court, for having assaulted Li Yau-shi and Li Kau-mui on August 1 at the District Office, South.

The grounds of appeal were that the conviction was against the weight of evidence and that the appellant was not guilty of the offence.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the appellant. He said the verdict was such that no reasonable jury, properly directed, would have found appellant guilty on the evidence.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR

The following warships were in harbour yesterday: South Wall, H.M.S. Grimsby and Herald; East Wall, H.M.S. Otus, Pandora, Taranaki and Rorqual; North Arm, H.M.S. Medway and Submarines; West Wall, H.M.S. Cumberland; Dock, H.M.S. Defender, Decoy and Regulus; No. 3 buoy, H.M.S. Westcott; No. 6 buoy, H.M.S. Adventure; No. 7 buoy, H.M.S. Regent and Rover; No. 8 buoy, H.M.S. Duncan; No. 10 buoy, H.M.S. Olympus and Rainbow; No. 12 buoy, H.M.S. Sandwich and Thracian.

Foreign Men-of-War: Chinese, C.M.C. Cruisers (15), Gunboats (2) and Transports (2).

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—Ousebridge, Neles, President Polk, Hellas, Liangchow, Buron Belhaven, Onasis Socratis, Glenfinian, Hilda Moller, President McKinley, Rajputana, Minoo Maru, Jean Laborde, Anyo Maru, Tsinan, Bokuyo Maru and Victoria.

LORDS STUDY ROAD PROBLEM

The House of Lords to-day debated the road safety question and passed a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to review the whole subject and suggest further means to reduce road casualties.—British Wireless.

RECRUITING GAINS

Intake of recruits for all arms in the regular Army during the last week was 540, an increase of 42 over the corresponding week last year.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY BODY MOVES

Hankow, Dec. 9
For the sake of convenience, the Board of Trustees for the administration of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has temporarily removed its office to Hankow from Nanking.

This step was taken in order to facilitate contact with numerous Central Government organs now functioning here.—Reuter.

WRONG ADDRESS REPORTED

Mr. D. Xavier wishes to point out that the address No. 4 Mosque Junction, which is his home, is in no way concerned with a case reported yesterday in which a Chinese was convicted of keeping an illicit still. Mr. Xavier's address was inadvertently published in the report of proceedings against the still operator, and the regret of the Telegraph has been conveyed to the householder.

CLEVER A.D.C. SHOW

"OUTWARD BOUND" SCORES HIT

Among other things, all of which are to their credit, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has built up a reputation for producing plays which cut across the common rut of drama, comedy and melodrama, and which test to the full the interpretative intensity of the company. The reputation is sustained in the Club's latest offering "Outward Bound," which had its premiere at the China Fleet Club before an exceptionally big audience.

That the audience generally liked the play and thoroughly enjoyed the A.D.C.'s translation of it was evident from the warm and spontaneous applause.

One would not say "Outward Bound" was the ideal type of play for an amateur theatrical company, because the appeal of the play must, at a point, be limited. Not everyone can stomach the idea of a group of dead people, gradually realising they are dead and nearing a crisis when they will have to answer for the manner in which they lived, reveal their reactions to the situation in everyday terms of speech. The more imaginative will find the conception thrilling and exciting, and will revel in the dramatic possibilities. Others, quite justifiably, could find the play meaningless, for it is a theme which travels close to the supernatural and metaphysical and is therefore almost bound to create varying reactions.

IMAGINATIVELY INTERPRETED

The play is lively in conception and imaginatively interpreted. Once again, that splendid quality of all A.D.C. productions, balance in the cast, is an important determining factor in the success of the show. There is an ideal blending of historical ability and stagecraft which leaves one with a decided pleasant sensation of having witnessed sincere, and at times, compelling performances.

Phyllis Henderson gives a finely modulated performance of the one-time harlot who through cunning and ingenuity has managed to find her way to Society and naturally becomes an insufferable snob in the process. Nigel Waymouth, still vividly remembered for his Danny in "Night Must Fall," again makes good use of a dramatic study, although there is a tendency to overdo things in the second act, when he realises the appalling position he is in. His best work—and it is indeed very fine—is given in the first act, when he becomes slowly, but very deliberately, inebriated.

A delightful study is given by John Abbott as the Rev. William Duke, a typically conventional young padre, who "goes off the deep end" when he realises he is dead, and then reacts just as sharply when he further realises the incongruity of his position as a parson.

Philip Mason was compelling as Mr. Lingley, the self-made business man, whose Judge Day was—in keeping with his life on earth (or so it seemed) and Maude Mather gave several intelligent and shrewd touches to her characterisation as Mrs. Midget, which ranked her as an actress rather above the ordinary among the amateur fraternity.

The most difficult parts were in the hands of Myrtle Brown and Gerald Nigel, for there were long scenes in which they had nothing to say, but had to sustain the mystery surrounding them by their presence on the stage. Later they had much to say, but the author gave them poor lines

London Stock Exchange Irregular

London, Dec. 8
On the Stock Exchange to-day, Brazilian bonds were good and Indian Iron, supported by gilt-edged stocks, met investment buying. Home Bills were encouraged by the satisfactory traffic returns. Otherwise the very quiet conditions caused some irregularity in price movements.

Commodities and wheat eased on Russian and Australian selling. Jute was firm on bear covering, and Wall Street opened firm.—Reuter Special.

QUESTIONS NEW MALAYA TARIFF

London, Dec. 8
Replying to Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) regarding the Malayan textile quotas which were outlined last week, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said the initiative came from the local Government after a very full investigation.

Sir Percy asked whether it was merely an official majority which had approved of the proposal and Mr. Ormsby-Gore said it was presumably worked out by the Customs, which had to deal with these matters.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he did not think the new arrangement would increase prices.—Reuter.

DISPOSITION OF H.M. SHIPS

The following is the disposition of H.M. ships in North China:

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WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 8
The Board of Trade Index of wholesale prices in November was 1.9 per cent lower than in October. The decline followed a fall of 0.5 per cent. In October and slight falls in September and August, the aggregate decline over four months being 2.7 per cent.—British Wireless.

BISHOP OF NANKING IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 8
The Rt. Rev. Yu Pin, Bishop of Nanking, arrived here by air to-day and is proceeding to New York on Saturday.—Reuter.

H.M.S. DUCHESS RETURNING

H.M.S. Duchess is due here from Wellesley about December 12. She will leave for Swatow about Christmas time.

with considerable repetition. Both players came out of the test with a great deal of credit.

Cyril Chamberlain, who appreciates the art of understatement, and therefore never fails to score no matter what part he takes, gave a performance of distinct merit and charm, and Cyril Brown, with a part which must have made him scratch his head is puzzle, for it opened up almost unlimited means of sheer melodrama, or even worse, serio-comedy, emerged with flying colours with as neat an interpretation as one could wish.

The ingenious guiding hand of Cyril Brown the producer was apparent throughout the play, which can in truth be written down as another distinct A.D.C. success.—S.A.G.

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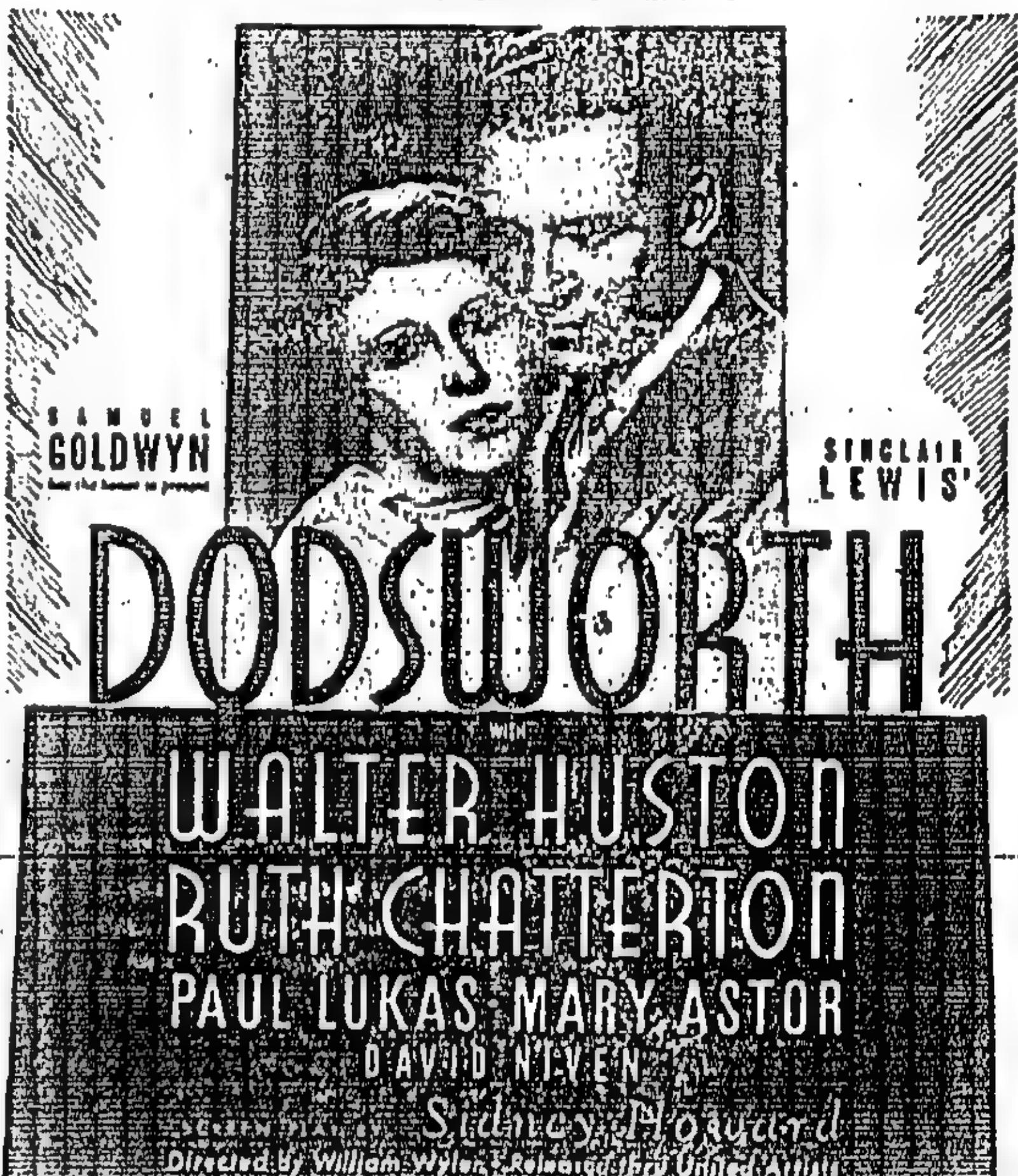
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NANKING, DEC. 9.

FIVE MONTHS AFTER IT WAS CONSTRUCTED, THE KIANGYIN BOOM ACROSS THE YANGTSE RIVER WAS PIERCED THIS MORNING. A JAPANESE DESTROYER FLOTILLA STEAMED THROUGH AND IS CONTINUING UP THE YANGTSE. THE JAPANESE WAR CRAFT PASSED SEVERAL BRITISH SHIPS, WHICH, ALONG WITH NUMBERS OF OTHER CRAFT, HAVE BEEN BOTTLED UP FOR SOME TIME. H.M.S. CAPETOWN IS ONE OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS IN THE RIVER.—REUTER.

CHINESE SLOWLY RETREATING

Nanking, Dec. 9.

The ground haze has been heavy all morning, possibly due to the smoke from the villages to the south and east which the slowly retreating Chinese are reported to be systematically setting alight.

Foreign observers here are convinced the Chinese troops will do their utmost to defend Nanking and believe they may hold out a week after the city's gates are closed. This correspondent is continuing here as long as possible, going ashore each day. Later he will move to Sanchao, and will actually be nearer the city wall than at present.

The Chinese troops are placing two field guns on the Hsiakwan Bund. These are directly opposite the U.S.S. Panay, a gunboat. They are also constructing a sandbag emplacement to the U.S. Naval Club, the wall of which forms part of the post.—United Press.

HALF A MILE FROM CITY

Shanghai, Dec. 9 (10:33 a.m.)

Japanese troops have occupied Tachachao aerodrome, which is only half a mile from Nanking proper.

A Japanese naval spokesman stated this morning that the Air Force is co-operating with the Army in intensively bombing the Chinese positions.

An Embassy spokesman announced that the Consulate had informed third powers that the Japanese forces were often in "a trying predicament" as the Chinese had taken up positions in proximity to foreign property. It was therefore hoped that third powers "in view of hostilities spreading throughout the Yangtze Valley" would co-operate by removing their ships and vehicles from the fighting zones wherever possible, and otherwise keep as far as possible from the war area. In case no co-operation was forthcoming the Japanese forces would not be in a position to insure security of ships and vehicles and could not be held responsible whatever the consequences may involve. This warning is said to apply to Government as well as privately owned property.—United Press.

Sixteen Americans In Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 9.

Mr. George Atcheson, Mr. J. Hall Paxton and Mr. Frank N. Roberts, members of the U.S. Embassy staff, boarded U.S.S. Panay last night and Captain McHugh, military attaché, has left by motor for Hankow on instructions from the War Department.

At present there are 16 Americans inside Nanking.

The eastern walls of the city were (Continued on Page 4.)

Chinese Stop Work In Malaya Mine

Claim Iron Going Into Munitions For Japanese

Singapore, Dec. 8.

Seven hundred Chinese have gone on strike at the Japanese owned iron mine at Johore, declaring the mines and iron are being used for the manufacture of munitions for Japan. The mine produced 30,000 tons of ore monthly, which is approximately one-sixth of the total Malayan production, all of which is Japanese controlled.—United Press.

ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION

New York, Dec. 8.

The "Junior Friends of the Chinese" have announced that on Saturday 1,000 women, garbed in cotton, will participate in an anti-Japan parade along 20 blocks of Lexington Avenue which will be the lead to a rally at Columbus Circle for urging a boycott of Japanese goods.—United Press.

FRENCH SEIZE SPY SUSPECTS

Marseille, Dec. 8.

A group of alleged spies fought with the police in a hotel to-day, and one of the suspects, an Italian, like a police inspector's leg.

Police announced they had arrested 20, but they did not reveal their names or nationalities.—United Press.

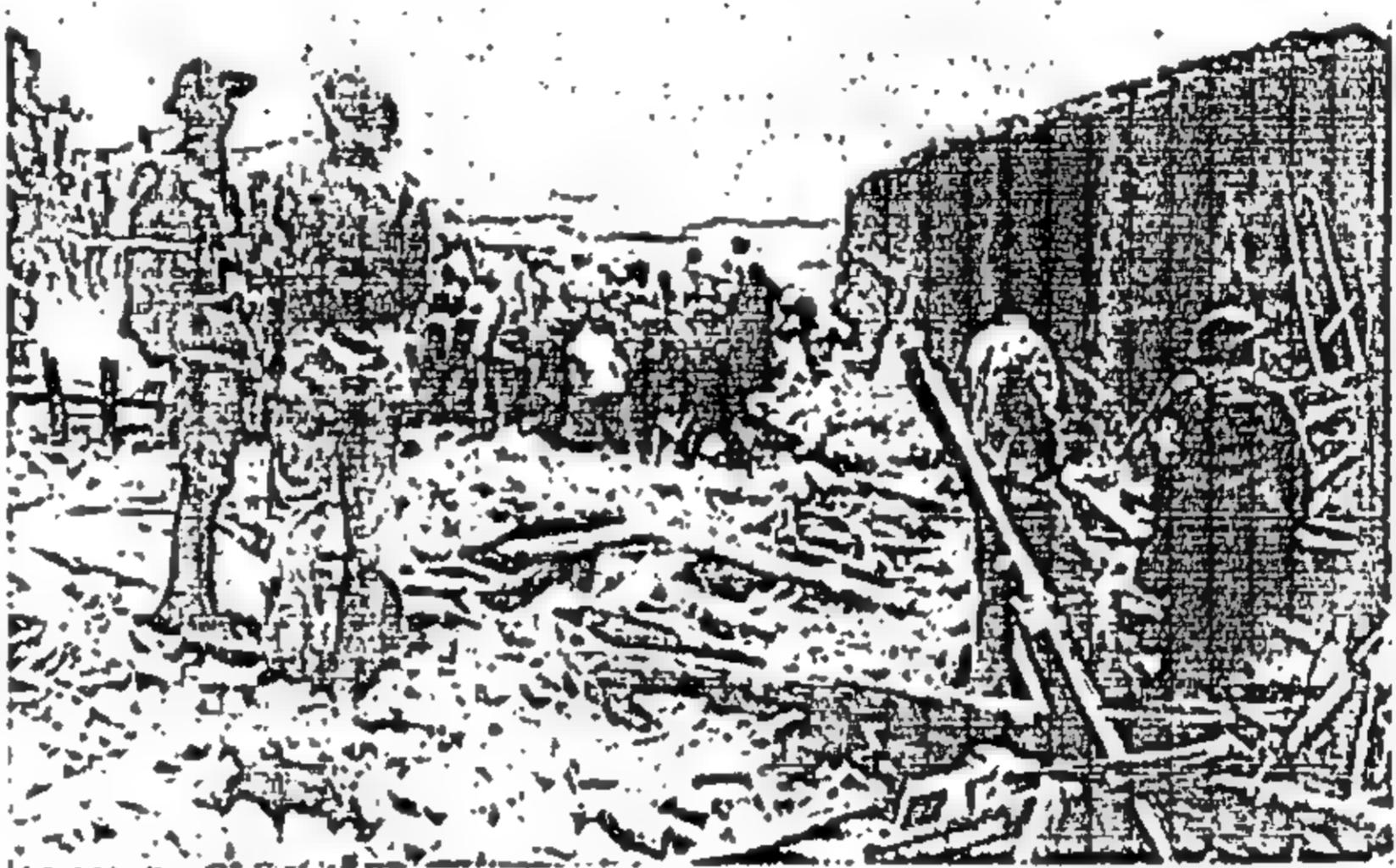
MASS FLIGHT

San Diego, Dec. 8.

The United States Navy's most ambitious mass flight of 14 patrol bombers, manned by 25 officers and 72 assistants, under the command of Lieutenant-Commander B. E. Grow, took off to-day for a non-stop flight to Cocosolo, Panama.—United Press.

S'hai Volunteers To Fight Crime

SEVERE DAMAGE IN HONAM



Japanese bombing planes are flying over Canton and its environs almost every day. Frequently they bomb various strategic localities. But the bombs which fell in Honam recently killed only women and children and old men, and destroyed a number of dwellings. This illustration, taken at a time when the rescue parties went into the ruins and before the smoke and dust had cleared, was specially secured for the Hongkong Telegraph by a correspondent.

Asks Aid For Captive Priest

Washington, Dec. 8.

The State Department announced that the United States Consul-General at Hankow, Mr. Paul Josselyn, has requested the Hunan Government for every possible measure to rescue the American priest, the Rev. Cyprian Franks, who is reported to have been captured by Chinese bandits at Kaotum, Hunan, on December 6.—United Press.

BLIZZARD LASHES BRITAIN

U.S. And Canada In Cold Grip Of Winter

London, Dec. 8.

A blizzard has swept the south of England, and destroyed power lines and trees which have blocked the highways and trapped 400 motor cars in the New Forest area.

At the Isle of Wight rains flooded a railway tunnel to a depth of six feet and caused a suspension of the service.—United Press.

INSURGENT ATTACKS REPULSED

Loyalists Inflict Severe Defeat

Madrid, Dec. 8.

Insurgent troops failed in their objectives in two frontal attacks on Loyalist positions at Pilres and Loriga, south-east of Granada.

They advanced aided by tanks, after a furious barrage, but the Loyalists withheld their fire until they were very close, and then unleashed machine-guns and grenades. They followed up the second Insurgent retirement with a counter-barrage which lasted an hour.—United Press.

PROTECTION ASSURED

London, Dec. 8.

Mr. Anthony Eden told the House of Commons to-day that he had not only informed the Insurgents that Britain would not admit the Insurgents the right to blockade Spain "but I also warned them against interference with British shipping. It has been made clear that such shipping will continue to be protected."—United Press.

Nations In Nightshirts Endanger U.S.

Minister Of Interior Gives Warning

Washington, Dec. 8.

Mr. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, said the possibility of an Anglo-American trade treaty in the near future "seems to be hopeful. I believe we are making great progress."

He disclosed that a tentative estimate of the United States favourable trade balance for the year was \$100,000,000, compared with \$33,000,000 last year.

Total foreign trade, including exports and imports, was approximately \$6,400,000,000, or 31 per cent above last year, and 115 per cent above 1932.—United Press.

NEW EMERGENCY SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION

ARMED ROBBERIES OCCUR WITH GREAT FREQUENCY INSIDE SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

As a means of assisting the Shanghai Municipal police in suppressing the crime wave in the International Settlement, a plan has now been worked out which will call for the partial mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

An official announcement of the plan has not yet been made, but enquiry among Volunteer and Municipal officials brought forth the information that such a plan is now being considered, and may be put into effect within a few days.

According to the reported plan, one battalion of Volunteers numbering about 300 men will be called on duty nightly from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. It is explained that the only reason for the move is to use the Volunteers to help the police bring an end to the crime wave which is at present sweeping the Settlement.

Armed robberies have increased to such an extent that from three to four occur daily.—Reuter.

Taking Firm Stand

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

The Shanghai Municipal Council considers closed the Great Eastern Hotel episode incident, in which Japanese took off Chinese civilians for questioning.

It is officially stated that the Shanghai Municipal Council in the future will not release Chinese civilians to the Japanese unless their anti-Japanese activities have occurred after the occupation, because the Japanese occupation of Shanghai is not retroactive.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

PRIEST TAKEN CAPTIVE

Hankow, Dec. 9.

Father Weisselmann, of the Sacred Heart Mission, a native of Hiltrip, Germany, has been kidnapped by bandits who are believed to be asking ransom.

The priest was captured on November 13 on the road from Yikung to Kinchow, when he was shot in the left leg.—United Press.

LONE MARINER NEARS HAVEN

London, Dec. 8.

Lloyd's has received a message from the Jugo-Slavian steamer Kupa, in the bay of Biscay, that she sighted the steamer Cygnol, in which Captain Ludwig Schlimbach, 60, retired master mariner of Hamburg, is making a solo voyage from Miami to England.—United Press.

STEADY JAPANESE ADVANCE

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Taking advantage of the moonlight, vanguard of the Japanese forces advancing to Nanking kept up a vigorous offensive last night, bent off a Chinese counter-attack and captured two Chinese tanks, according to reports from Japanese correspondents at the front.

Early this morning the Japanese captured the Chinese infantry college and the Taochachao aerodrome, less than a mile from the eastern walls of Nanking, and were pressing on towards the Chungshan gate in the vicinity of the Ming Tombs.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Many parents, particularly those who have a strong code of behaviour, are inclined to be shocked when small sons and daughters stray away from the truth. But really, is it to be wondered at if a child draws on his imagination when his nursery days are coloured with such stories as Jack and the Beanstalk and the bedtime tales that Mummy and Daddy love to tell?

Further, when he shows concern for poor little Red Riding Hood, he is assured that it is only a fairy story.

It is unreasonable, in these circumstances, to expect young children to understand exactly what is meant when told "not to tell stories."

So we must treat the children's lapses into make-believe with patience and understanding, and as they grow older they will develop a sense of values and will realize that make-believe must be kept for playtime and should have no part in real matters.

Changing Names

My son lives in a world of "make-believe." So firmly does he believe in the characters which he takes on that he gets into wild tempers when we call him by his own name.

My advice is that you should leave this alone, as your boy is not yet five. He will probably outgrow this habit once he goes to school, and, if at present he prefers to be called "King Richard" or "Dick Turpin," it will do no harm to humour him.

He is doing you the honour of including you in the game, and deep down he knows that you are all present, but it is good fun.

Children are very open really. I wonder how many grown-ups have not lain awake at night planning what they would do if they won a large sweepstakes prize.

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EXPERT

the matter to be explained to them on its true footing; it will probably be best just to say that their father has gone away, and to add that they must look after you for the present.

Toddler's Menu

My toddler is difficult over his dinners. How could I vary his fare? Age 10 months.

TRY these suggestions for a week's dinners: Monday, one tablespoonful of lightly-cooked steak, cut up small with a sharp knife; one small spoonful of green vegetable; one small potato; cornflour shape with jelly.

Tuesday, one tablespoonful of flaked white sea-fish or a small dab, one tablespoonful of well-cooked green vegetable; one small potato; stewed fruit with a teaspoonful of cream.

Wednesday, one tablespoonful of lightly-cooked and finely-minced liver; one tablespoonful of sieved carrots; one potato. Milk pudding.

Thursday, scrambled sheep's brain, green vegetable and one potato; stewed fruit and cream.

Friday, one tablespoonful of filled or plain small potato; milk jelly.

Saturday, small mutton cutlet, free from fat and cut up finely; green vegetable or cauliflower, one small potato; milk pudding. Sunday, shavings off the joint, green vegetable, one small potato; stewed fruit and cream.

Noisy and Troublesome

My little girl is specially troublesome at school. Her teacher tells me she has been ill for two weeks and was rather spoilt.

I GATHER that your little daughter is now once more in your care. She will soon get over this early spring if you are firm and patient with her.

JUDGING by the dignified tone of your letter, I am sure that the handling of this matter is in safe hands, but I realize that such situations are particularly difficult when both parents are fond of their children. Your little ones are too young for

Hardworking Hands

BUSY hands can be kept soft and unblemished if a few simple precautions are taken.

Hasty washing and careless drying of the hands are among the most fruitful sources of trouble. So a bowl of oatmeal should always be kept by the side of the washbasin, and the hands dusted with this after washing.

After a particularly dirty job, soak the hands in olive oil before washing, and the dirt will come off very easily. Avoid the use of washing-soda. Soap flakes are much kinder to the hands. But if soda has been used in the washing-up water, rub a lotion into the hands immediately after. An excellent one can be made by mixing four parts of milk to one of glycerine. Keep a piece of lemon by the sink, and if a little salt is added to this, it will remove the most obstinate stains.

Where the nails are inclined to be brittle, the nail varnish should be removed each night, and the nails should be soaked in almond oil. Nail varnish has a very drying effect, but the oil counteracts this, besides keeping the cuticles soft and pliable.

A Quick Transformation

Sometimes it is necessary to achieve very quick results. An invitation to a party may arrive unexpectedly, and the hands must look their best.

Here is a certain method of effecting an overnight transformation, and once in a while, the extra trouble involved will not be grudged.

Make a bath of hot olive oil, and add glycerine in the proportion of one tablespoonful of glycerine to two of oil. Soak the hands in this lotion, massaging with an upward movement towards the wrist, and pulling the fingers as if in the act of donning gloves. Spread the fingers out and bend them. Close and open the hands with the fingers spread out.

Continue the treatment for about twenty minutes at least. If there is a tendency to enlarged joints in the fingers, half an hour's treatment is advised. The hands should next be washed in lukewarm water to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

Finally apply a pack of honey and borax, slipping on a pair of loose white cotton gloves, which will act as bandages, and allow the pack to do its work overnight.

In the morning, wash in water which has been softened by the addition of a bag of oatmeal, and, given the usual manicure, the hands will be as soft and dainty as the most fastidious woman could desire. A. W.

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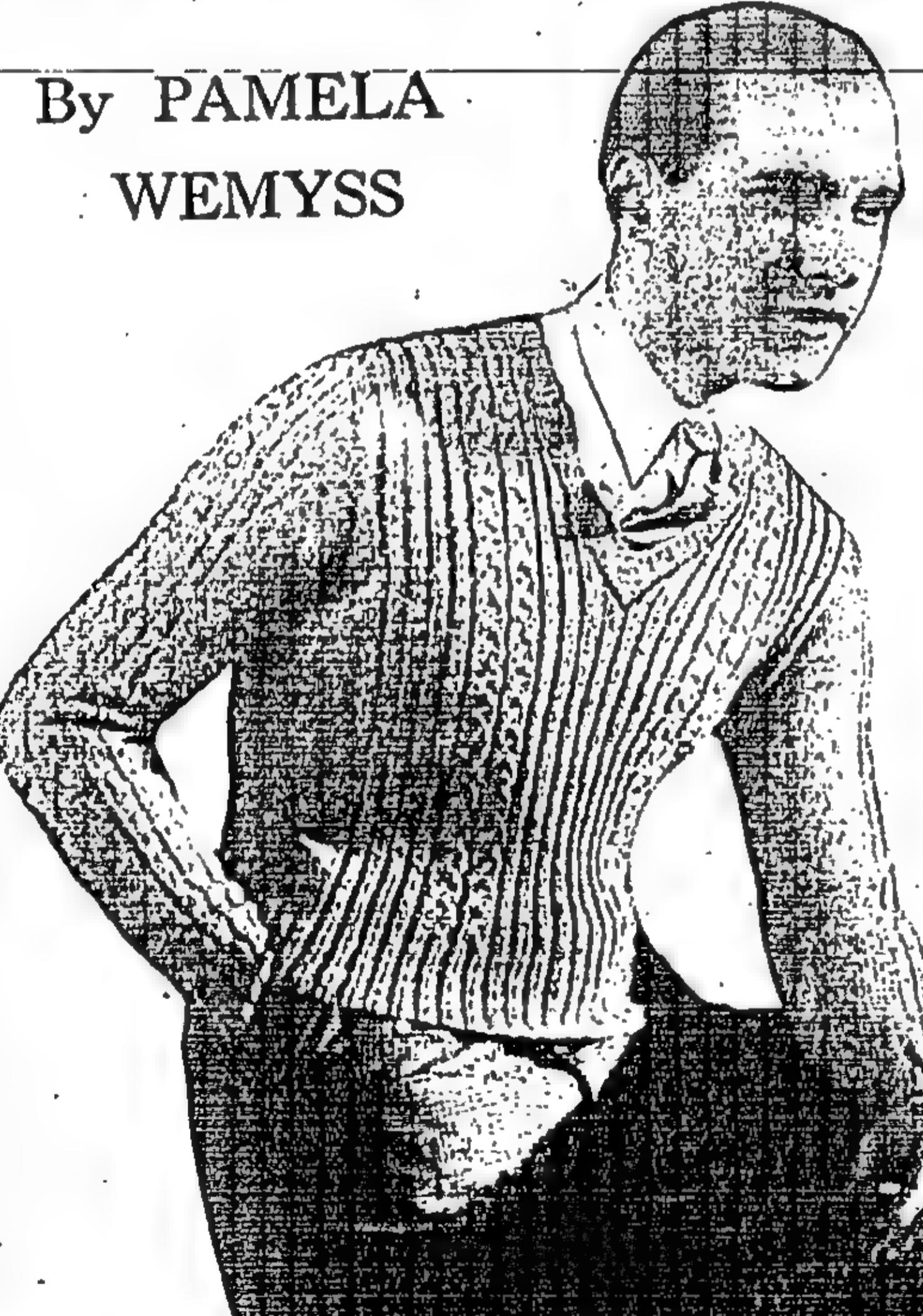
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Then there are pullovers and pullovers. Here again I must put this firm into the first class for wear, style, range and value, and — very important — FIT.

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We have all heard of the door looks with which the neatest woman meets in the same room, a frock identical with hers.

Well, I am not going to say that the same fierce anger seethes in a manly bosom when he sees his socks on some

HERE'S DEANNA

THE GIRL WHO HAD A DATE
WITH THE WORLD EVER SINCE
THE THREE SMART GIRLS

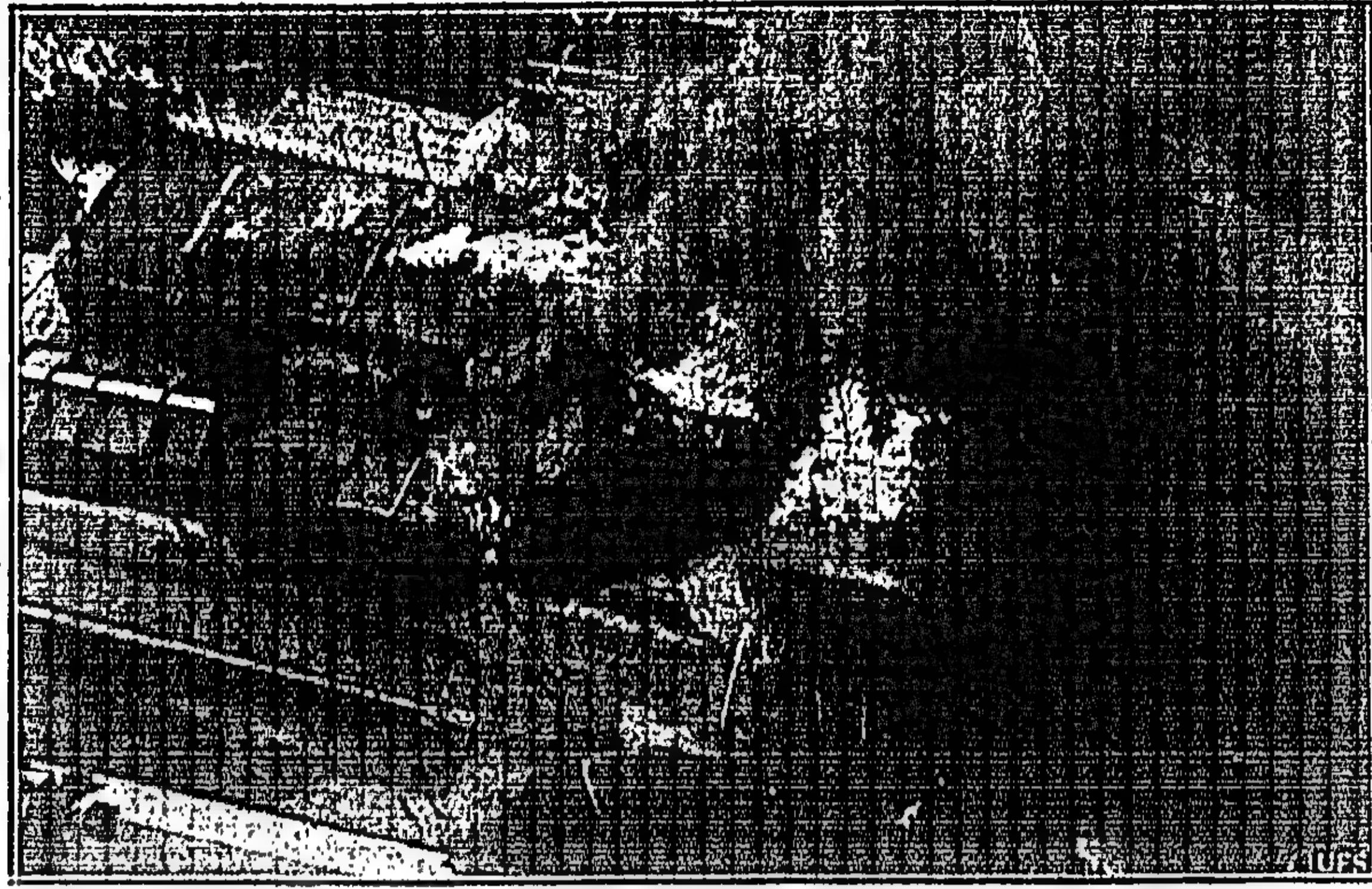


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TEACHES HUSBAND TO READ

Twenty-six-years-old Jim Hammond can neither read nor write, and his pretty 23-years-old Welsh wife, Tid, is giving him lessons.

Every night in a little room in Maple-street—just off Tottenham Court-road, London—they sit side-by-side at a table littered with school exercise books.

Heads close together, the young wife—pencil in hand—slowly and carefully forms different letters of the alphabet as her husband repeats and copies the letters a dozen times or more.

"My husband is really very clever;

Girl, 16, Is Printer

Francine Fiske, the 16-year-old daughter of Frank B. Fiske, publisher of the Fort Yates Pioneer-Arrow, became one of the nation's youngest printers when she replaced the regular printer in her father's shop, while the printer went on a vacation.

More than 150 girl employees were believed trapped in this fire, at the S. B. Penick botanical drug manufacturing plant in Weehawken, N. J., until it was recalled the day was a Jewish holiday and many of them had not gone to work. Flames swept the plant, injuring 15 and causing 600 children in a school 50 feet away to be imperiled.

Hen Lays "Siamese Eggs"

New London, Conn. Louis Lombardi's hen has laid three "Siamese" eggs in three weeks. Lombardi says the laying of one such egg, although unusual, is not rare, but when the same hen lays three eggs, equal to a half dozen within three weeks, "that's different."

Pheasant Enters House

Newburgh, N.Y. A pheasant was an unexpected guest of Miss Mary McEvoy at her home here. The bird flew through a front room window, and fluttered about in ground floor and second floor rooms before escaping through an open bath room window.

Captain Gerald Lowry, famous blind sportman, returned a score of 70 in a game at Merton Island (Essex) Golf club. The length of the course is 6,362 yards, and the bogey is 75. His valet placed the ball, told him where to stand and the distance of the ball from each green.

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"UNTOLD HARM TO CHILDREN"

Revivalism Blamed For Wave Of Hysteria

(By A Special Correspondent)

Methodists will be shocked to read—in a new biography of John Wesley, "Wrestling Jacob," by novelist and historian Marjorie Bowen—that "it seems doubtful whether the good that Wesley's movement had done in the country balanced the evil caused by the wave of mingled hysteria and imposture."

The book, published recently, is a detailed account of the great preacher's life.

But wherever the authoress expresses any opinions on Wesley's work she is scathingly critical, accusing him of playing on the fears of semi-idiots and having a bad influence on children.

She writes: "John Wesley took advantage of that religious emotion which he was able to rouse in the wretched and ignorant to implant some terrible falsehoods in their shivering hearts; the most dreadful of these was Hell."

"It was no wonder that illiterate peasants and semi-idiots slum-dwellers fell roaring to the ground, screaming, 'I will be good,' like a child threatened with a stick, and that even the half-educated, especially if also half-drunk, should be overcome with her fear and trembling . . .

BANNED JOY

"Without humour, though not without a dry wit, John Wesley discouraged joy, pleasure, all gay and lovely things; those who could not find their happiness in striving after Heaven might remain miserable."

"His school system did not allow a second for play, and very few for exercise or repose; there was not a child who came in contact with eighteenth-century Methodism who must not have been the worse for it."

"From John Wesley's teaching, which spread from his own organisation to those of the Church of England and the Dissenting bodies, grew that form of religion which will overwhelm the country for nearly 100 years, which was to produce the typical middle-class Victorian and the English Sundry."

STUNNED THE POOR

In a foreword, while declaring that Wesley helped to stabilise the social life of the times, the authoress writes: "It has been estimated that in the period during which John Wesley worked nearly half the population were paupers; it was these 'unemployed,' 'outcasts,' and criminals, to whom the great evangelist appealed, giving them religion as a crumb and a comfort; he is now placed with J. J. Rousseau and Samuel Richardson as one of the great forces that moved the emphasis from the head to the heart, from rationalism to emotionalism."

"Whether it was for good or evil that John Wesley so drugged and stunned the illiterate poor with his preaching of Hell fire, a sentimental 'love of God,' and his doctrine of a life lived according to rigid rules as the only means of salvation, may be a matter of dispute."

THE PROBLEM

"Whether he wrought harmfully or beneficially in fastening the clamps of a terrible superstition on the minds of the ignorant and impressionable people, whether his emphasis on self-denial, on austerity, on gloom, on an absorption in the idea of a vengeful God, was to the good or not of the national character, must be left in open debate, or referred to the historians who have so carefully and lucidly examined and expounded these matters."

Most of the book, however, is not concerned with this kind of criticism.

"Wrestling Jacob" is published by Heinemann at 15s.

Last night I questioned leading Methodists on their opinions of the views expressed in the book.

Sir Josiah Stamp said: "It's all such old stuff. I'm surprised it has been trotted out again."

Sir Harold Bellman said: "The character and reputation of John Wesley are safe against such attacks."

South Africa Lacks Butter

Pretoria, South Africa. The export of butter to England is considered to be one of the reasons for the serious butter shortage which is being experienced throughout South Africa. More than two-thirds of the Union's production is exported to England.

Britain Buys More In Italy

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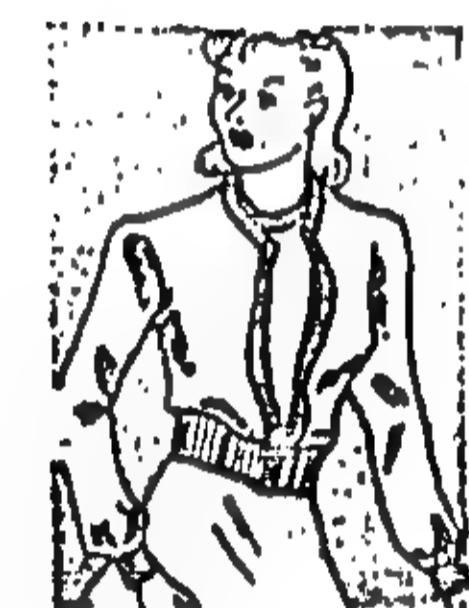


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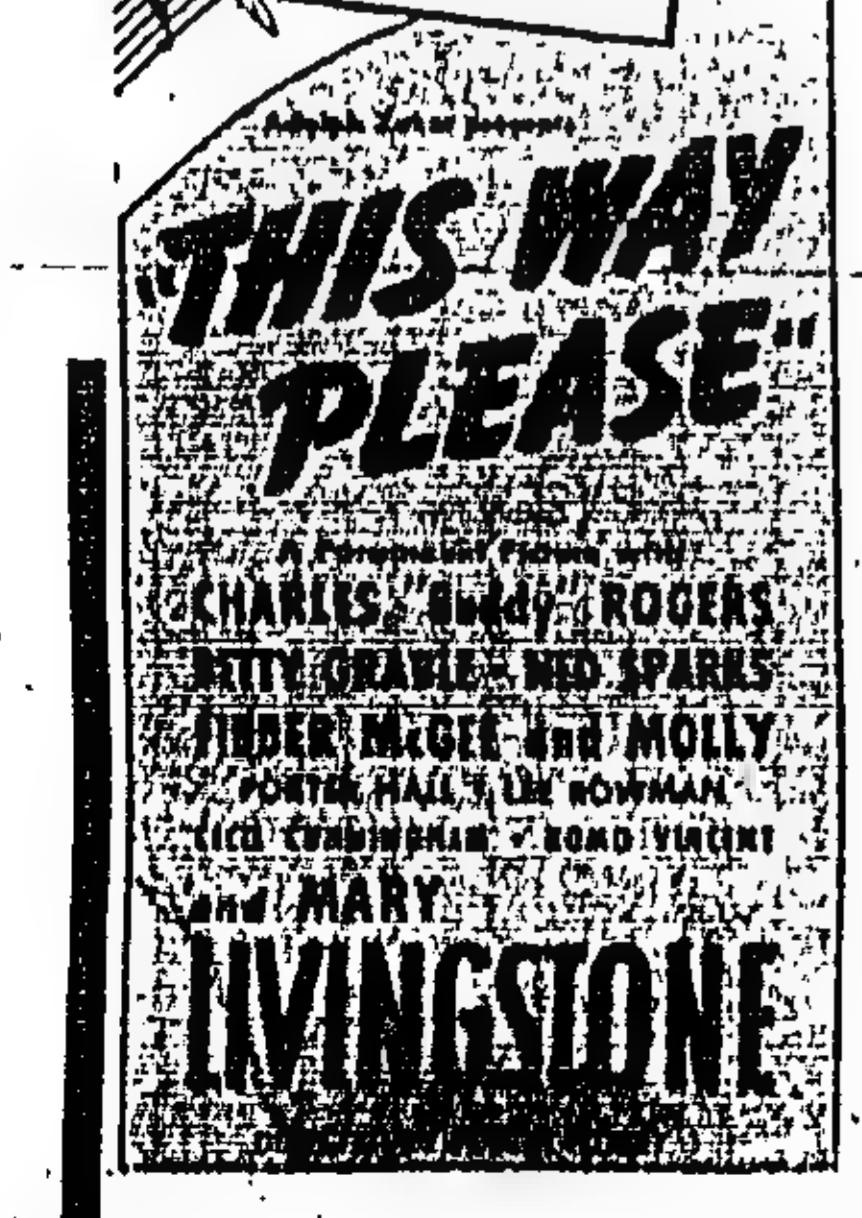
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**U.S. Industry
Seeking To
Revive Trade**

**Would Increase
Production**

New York, Dec. 8.

Two thousand delegates attending a congress of American industry under the auspices of the National Association of Manufacturers, adopted a platform designed to promote business confidence and to make products available to more people, based on the thesis that progress could be maintained "only if industry produces more so that all can have more."

The programme also seeks freedom from Federal control, extension of high business standards, maintaining of the "open shop" while recognising collective bargaining rights, seeking to eliminate seasonal "valleys" of production and employment, opposing Government collectivism and seeking internal peace.

The conference failed specifically to refer to existing legislation. However, it indicated opposition to the Wagner Act, taxation and tariff policies which are "increasing the imports of foreign goods competing with domestic industry and labour."

Inferentially the conference opposed the Wage and Hours Bill and urged greater use of Department of Commerce power to "support State child-labour laws", and also legislation for eliminating "sweat shops".—United Press.

**APPEAL AGAINST
CONVICTION
DISMISSED**

Li Ting-fat appeared this morning before the Court of Appeal, with Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice, on the Bench. He was appealing against the conviction by Mr. Kennedy Skipton in Police Court, for having assaulted Li Yau-shi and Li Kau-mui on August 1 at the District Office South.

Mr. M. da Silva appeared for the appellant. He said the verdict was such that no reasonable jury, properly directed, would have found appellant guilty on the evidence. The appeal was dismissed.

**TWO THIEVES
WATCHED AT
THEIR WORK**

Walking casually into the Wing On Company yesterday afternoon, two Chinese, Young Kong and Wong Kuan, both unemployed, stole a lady's handbag from the counter. They were followed by two district watchmen who witnessed the theft and as the two were about to leave the premises, they were arrested.

Young and Wong came before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning and were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each, and also recommended for banishment.

**WEATHER WILL
CONTINUE WARM**

Slightly warmer weather was experienced this morning, the temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory being 68 degrees, as compared with 66 yesterday and 63 the day before. Humidity was 83, a rise of 14 per cent. over yesterday's corresponding reading.

The anti-cyclone has dispersed, leaving a ridge of moderately high pressure over the Eastern Sea and Japan. The typhoon is probably filling up.

Local forecast—North-east winds, moderate, fine generally.

**GIRL ARRESTED
FOR SOLICITING**

Betty Rogers, 24, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Sub-Inspector C. S. Madgwick said that she was approached by defendant last night in Queen's Road Central, near the China Building. She made a suggestion to him and after further conversation witness arrested her.

The defendant denied everything and was remanded for 24 hours.

**HEROIN DEALER
SENT TO GAOL**

Following a raid by the police on a house at Wing Lok Street, Tang Wing, was charged with possession of 401 heroin pills before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

He was fined \$500 or six months' imprisonment. Eighteen persons who were arrested on the premises during the raid are due for banishment.

**SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION**

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio—Ousebridge, Neleus, President Polk, Hollis, Llangchow, Baron Belhaven, Onzal, Socratis, Glenfinlas, Hilda Moller, President McKinley, Rajputana, Minho Maru, Jean Laborde, Anyo Maru, Tsinan, Bokuyo Maru and Victoria.

**TROOPER
LEAVES**

**Dilwara. Receives
Hearty Send-off**

The Troopship Dilwara was given a hearty send-off at noon to-day, when she left for the United Kingdom, via Singapore, India and Manila, with officers and men of various units who have completed their service out here, including the whole of the 1st Bn. Ulster Rifles.

A large crowd of well-wishers was present on the wharf long before sailing time, where the Bands of the Seaforth Highlanders, the Middlesex Regiment and the Kumaon Rifles rendered appropriate music up to the time the ship left.

A pleasant scene was witnessed in the Murray Barracks earlier in the morning, when Lieut.-Col. J. Mulrhead, M.C., retiring Officer Commanding the 1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders, was carried shoulder high on a chair by officers and men of the Battalion from the Officers' Mess to the entrance at Queen's Road, where the Band played "Auld Lang Syne". The popular officer, who left with Mrs. Mulrhead on the Dilwara, was given three lusty cheers as he drove off in a car.

The following embarked on the Troopship here:

FOR INDIA

1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.—Lt.-Col. R. M. Rodwell and wife, Major H. McL. Morrison, M.C., and wife, R. J. Campbell and wife, B. J. Rimmer, M.M., and wife, G. H. K. Ryland and wife, D. Swinburne and wife, R. F. A. Crookshank and wife, I. H. Good and wife, F. W. Jowers, B. J. Jeffreys and wife, Lieutenant, P. J. Ashton and wife, A. W. Ward, G. D. Goings, I. C. Harris, C. A. H. B. Blaize, E. D. D. Wilson, B. J. Pitt, G. Donlea, G. P. Rickcord; 2/Lieutenants T. H. O'Leary, E. F. Johnston, M. D. G. C. Ryan, J. Y. MacE. Ridgeway, Capt. (Q.M.) C. D. Hamon and wife, R. S. M. C. Henniker and wife, Bandmaster H. Hole and wife, CSMs. W. Mackrel and wife, W. Burden and wife, S. Kirk and wife, W. McConkey, R. Corr, Q.M.s. J. Clements and wife, C. Dominy and wife; twelve Sergeants and families, four Lance-Sergeants and families, other N.C.O.s., and 431 details.

Q.A.M.N.S.—Sisters Wardle and Beardsworth.

FOR MALTA

Hongkong Brigade, H.K.S.R.A.—Lieut. N. W. Metcalf; 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.—S/Sgt. Peckham and wife, WO. G. Ballif and wife, three Sergeants and their families; four details.

5th A.A. Brigade, R.A.—Five details.

FOR SINGAPORE

Royal Air Force.—One detail, Tentslin Area.—One detail.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM

8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.—WO. Bentley and wife; WO. Moy and wife.

5th A.A. Brigade, R.A.—BQMs. Leeves and wife.

Royal Engineers.—Wife of late Q.M.S. Holden and family.

Q.M.S.—Moron and wife; Q.M.S. Clegg and wife, S/Sgt. A. Mandy and wife, S/Sgt. J. Finney and wife; eight details.

H.K.R.A.—Capt. F. J. Rybot.

2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers.—Lt. W. S. A. Clough-Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and family, Mesdames, Grinham, Price, George, Hores, Grindley, Thomas and Andieus, wives of N.C.O.s., with their families; four details.

1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment.—Capt. A. W. Clarke, Lieut. R. C. N. Bellers; four details.

1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.—Lieut.-Col. J. Mulrhead, Mrs. Mulrhead, child and nurse; Lieut. C. F. Allen and wife; four details.

1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.—RQMS. Manders and wife, Sgt. Todd and wife, E. Rich; and four details.

SMALL UNITS

R.A.S.C.—Lieut. (Q.M.) W. J. Smith and wife, Lieut. (Q.M.) A. C. Munckin, Cpl. Hopcroft and family.

R.A.M.C.—Capt. J. Boyle, Sgt. A. Hill and wife, Sgt. J. Oulton and wife; 12 details.

R.A.C.—Cdr. Elstand and wife, Cdr. Andrews and wife, Armr. SM. H. Smith and wife, S/Sgt. D. Brown and wife, S/Sgt. J. Wykes and wife; four details.

R.A.C.—WO. F. J. Harman and wife, S/Sgt. G. Badger and wife, Sgt. R. Shaw and wife; one detail.

Royal Provost Staff Corps.—Wife of late Sgt. Peters and family.

The following miscellaneous passagess—Wife of Capt. S. D. Skinner and family, L/Sgt. D. Davies, Fus. T. P. Cullen, Pte. E. Reekes, L/Cpl. S. Crowley, Gnr. M. Condy, Fus. Goodwin, wife of Sgmn. Keith, Royal Navy details ((54)).

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CLEVER A.D.C. SHOW

"OUTWARD BOUND" SCORES HIT

Among other things, all of which are to their credit, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has built up a reputation for producing plays which cut across the common rut of drama, comedy and melodrama, and which, test to the full the interpretative ingenuity of the company. The reputation is sustained in the Club's latest offering "Outward Bound," which had its premiere at the China Fleet Club before an exceptionally big audience.

That the audience generally liked the play and thoroughly enjoyed the A.D.C.'s translation of it was evident from the warm and spontaneous applause.

One would not say "Outward Bound" was the ideal type of play for an amateur theatrical company, because the appeal of the play must, to a point, be limited. Not everyone can stomach the idea of a group of dead people, gradually realising they are dead and nearing a crisis when they will have to answer for the manner in which they lived, reveal their reactions to the situation in everyday terms of speech. The more imaginative will find the conception thrilling and exciting, and will revel in the dramatic possibilities. Others, quite justifiably, could find the play meaningless, for it is a theme which travels close to the supernatural and metaphysical and is therefore almost bound to create varying reactions.

IMAGINATIVELY INTERPRETED
The play is lively in conception and as imaginatively interpreted. Once again that splendid quality of all A.D.C. productions, balance in the cast, is an important determining factor in the success of the show. There is an ideal blending of histronic ability and stagecraft which leaves one with a decidedly pleasant sensation of having witnessed sincere, and at times, compelling performances.

Phyllis Henderson gives a finely modulated performance of the one-time harlot who through cunning and ingenuity has managed to find her way to Society and naturally becomes an insufferable snob in the process. Nigel Waymouth, still vividly remembered for his Danny in "Night Must Fall," again makes good use of a dramatic study, although there is a tendency to overdo things in the second act, when he realises the appalling position he is in. His best work—and it is indeed very fine—is given in the first act, when he becomes slowly, but very deliberately inebriated.

A delightful study is given by John Abbott as the Rev. William Duke, a typically conventional young padre, who "goes off the deep end" when he realises he is dead, and then reacts just as sharply when he further realises the incongruity of his position as a parson.

Philip Mason was compelling as Mr. Lingley, the self-made business man, whose Judgment Day was in keeping with his life on earth (or so it seemed) and Maude Mattar gave several intelligent and shrewd touches to her characterisation as Mrs. Midget, which ranked her as an actress rather above the ordinary among the amateur fraternity.

The most difficult parts were in the hands of Myrtle Brown and Gerald Nigel, for there were long scenes in which they had nothing to say, but

London Stock Exchange Irregular

London, Dec. 8. On the Stock Exchange to-day, Brazilian bonds were good and Indian Iron, supported by gilt-edged stocks, met investment buying. Home Railways were encouraged by the satisfactory traffic returns. Otherwise the very quiet conditions caused some irregularity in price movements. Commodities and wheat ended Russian and Australian selling. Late was firm on bear covering, and Wall Street opened firm.—Reuter Special.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
Parls.	147 1/2	147 7/8
Geneva.	21.00 1/2	21.60 1/2
Berlin.	12.40 1/2	12.30 1/2
Athens.	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.	95	94 1/2
Copenhagen.	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.	10.40 1/2	10.40
Oslo.	10.00	10.00
Helsingfors.	22.00 1/2	22.00 1/2
Shanghai.	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York.	5.00	4.90 1/2
Vienna.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam.	4.98 1/2	4.98 1/2
Prague.	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.	Norm.	Norm.
Lisbon.	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.	1/2	1/2
Bombay.	1/0 1/2	1/0 1/2
Montreal.	4.10 1/2	4.00 1/2
Brussels.	20.40 1/2	20.30 1/2
Yokohama.	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.	210	210
Montevideo.	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro.	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward).	10 1/2	10 1/2
War Loan.	107 1/2	101 1/2
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EXCHANGE

	Selling	Buying
T.T. London.	1s. 27 1/2	1s. 27 1/2
T.T. Madrid.	1s. 23 1/2	1s. 23 1/2
T.T. Shanghai.	104 1/2	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore.	52 1/2	52 1/2
T.T. Paris.	100 1/2	100 1/2
T.T. Italia.	82	82
T.T. Manila.	30 1/2	30 1/2
T.T. Batavia.	61 1/2	61 1/2
T.T. Bangkok.	149 1/2	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon.	90 1/2	90 1/2
T.T. France.	9.10	9.10
T.T. Germany.	76 1/2	76 1/2
T.T. Switzerland.	133 1/2	133 1/2
T.T. Australia.	1/0 1/2	1/0 1/2

ATTLEE FACES CENSURE VOTE IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Clement Attlee, who with Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Noel Baker, leaves Barcelona to-day for the House of Commons, tabled by a Conservative M.P., on the grounds that he announced he will convene a meeting in London to inform the people about the facts of the situation in "Unbroken," the invincible Republican Spain.—Reuter.

ATTLEE DEFENDED

London, Dec. 8. Miss Ellen Wilkinson in an interview, repudiated the suggestion that Mr. Clement Attlee had said or done anything which might be interpreted as a breach of faith. She said that the meeting mentioned in the proposed motion of censure was arranged six weeks ago.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR

The following warships were in harbour yesterday: South Wall, H.M.S. Grimsby and Herald; East Wall, H.M.S. Otus, Pandion, Tarquin and Torquay; North Arm, H.M.S. Medway and Submarines; West Wall, H.M.S. Cumberland; Dock, H.M.S. Defender, Decoy and Regulus; No. 3 buoy, H.M.S. Westcott; No. 6 buoy, H.M.S. Adventure; No. 7 buoy, H.M.S. Regent and Rover; No. 8 buoy, H.M.S. Duncan; No. 10 buoy, H.M.S. Olympus and Rainbow; No. 12 buoy, H.M.S. Sandwich and Thracian.

Foreign Men-of-War: Chinese, C.M.C. Cruisers (15), Gunboats (2) and Transports (2).

QUESTIONS NEW MALAYA TARIFF

London, Dec. 8. Replying to Sir Percy Harris (Lib.) regarding the Malayan textile quotas which were outlined last week, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said the initiative came from the local Government after a very full investigation.

Sir Percy asked whether it was merely an official majority which had approved of the proposal and Mr. Ormsby-Gore said it was presumably worked out by the Customs, which had to deal with these matters.

Replies to a supplementary question, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he did not think the new arrangement would increase prices.—Reuter.

WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 8. The Board of Trade index of wholesale prices in November was 1.9 per cent. lower than in October. The decline followed a fall of 0.5 per cent. in October and slight falls in September and August, the aggregate decline over four months being 2.7 per cent.—British Wireless.

LOD'S STUDY ROAD PROBLEM

The House of Lords to-day debated the road safety question and passed a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to review the whole subject and suggest further means to reduce road casualties.—British Wireless.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,000 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £91 b.
Cantref Bank, £12 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £32 n.
Mercantile Bank, C. £15 n.
East Asia Bank, \$90 n.

Insurance
Canton In., \$272 1/2 n.
Union In., \$518 1/2 n.
China Underwriters, \$1,500 n.
H.K. Fire In., \$240 n.
Shipping

Douglas, \$48 1/2 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$8 n.
Indo-Chinas (Prot.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$9 1/2 n.
Union Waterboats, \$9 30 n.

Docks etc.

H.W. & W. Warves, \$118 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$28,500 n.

Provident's (old), \$205 n.

Transvaal (new), 35 cts n.

New Engineers, Sh.—

Shanghai Docks, Sh.—

Kaiwan Mining Adm., 18/6 n.

Rauba, \$83 n.

Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.

Philippine Mining

Antarok, P. 50 n.

Atoks, P.—

Baguio Gold, P. 17 n.

Benguet Consol., \$9,700 n.

Beaufort Explor., P.—

Big Wig, P.—

Coco Grove, P. 30 n.

Consolidated Mines, P. 013 n.

Demonsations, P. 37 1/2 n.

E. Mindanao, P.—

Gumaua G'fields, P.—

Ipo Gold, P.—

IXL, P. 57 n.

Magons, P.—

Malibat Consols, P.—

Min. Resources, P.—

Min. Minin', P.—

Paracale Gumaua, P.—

Santa Minin', P.—

Sam Mauricio, P. 49 n.

Suva Consol., P. 15 1/2 n.

United Paracales, P. 49 n.

V. Minin', P. 15 1/2 n.

H. S. Hotels, \$5,20 n.

H.K. Lands, \$32 n.

H.K. Lands, 4% Debent, \$100 n.

Shai Lands, Sh.—

Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—

Humphries, \$8 1/2 n.

H.K. Realities, \$4,85 n.

Chinese Estates, \$88 n.

China Realities, Sh.—

China Deben, P.—

Public Utilities

H. K. Tramways, \$13,30 b.

Peak Trams (old), \$7,50 n.

Peak Trams (new), \$3,34 n.

Star Ferries, \$10 1/2 n.

Yau Ma Tei Ferries (old), \$25 1/2 n.

China Lights (old), \$11,30 sa. C.

China Lights (new), \$11 n.

H.K. Electric, \$54 n.

Macao Electric, \$20 n.

Sandakan Lights, \$14 n.

Telephone (old), \$20 1/2 n.

Telephone (new), \$0,30 n.

Cuina Buses, Sh.—

Singapore Traction, 23/1 n.

Singapore Pref., 23/1 n.

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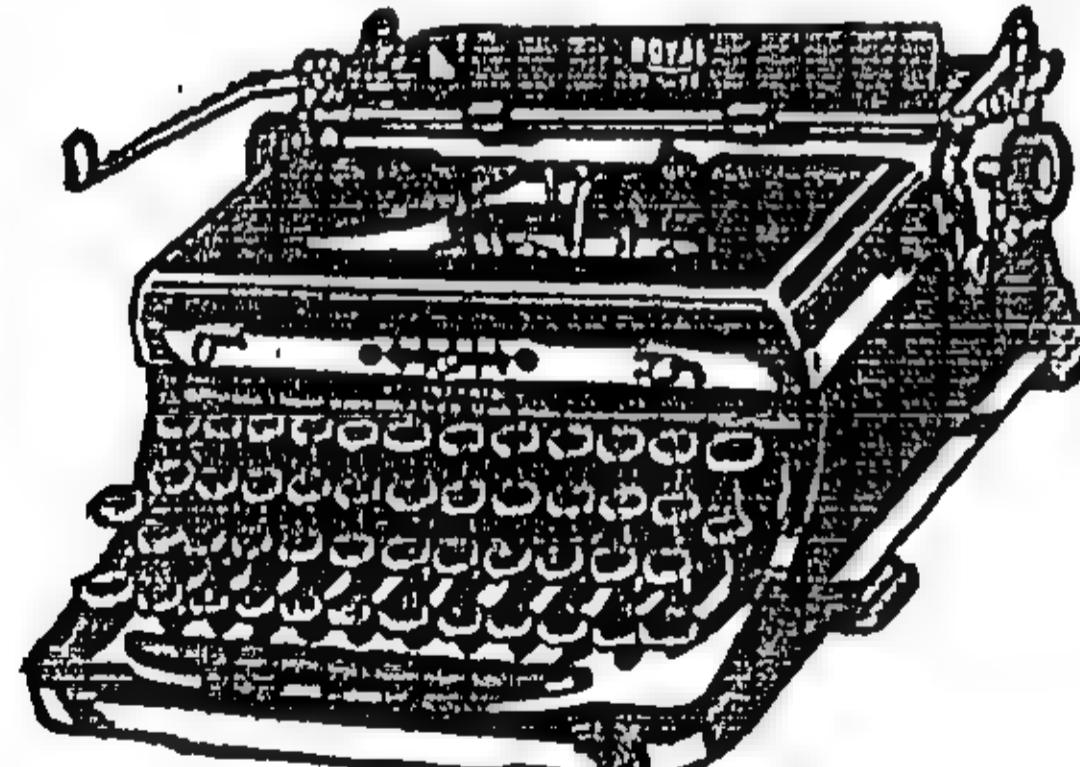
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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Whether China fights or surrenders, her future is not exactly bright. She is faced with unpleasant choices of conduct. For the moment the decision rests with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the responsibility may change hands, if rumours from the North mean anything. Whether Marshal Chiang goes or stays, may make no difference to the issue of peace or war. There are still men of spirit in the Central Government, but it is certain that the retirement of the Generalissimo would make the prospect of successful peace negotiations considerably brighter. It is very likely that any terms which Japan may offer will include the demand for the Marshal's resignation, and compliance in this one thing would possibly gain China a better bargain in surrender.

Unpleasant as it is, surrender is the only word applicable. Peace will be on Japan's terms. They are bound to be severe. Will Chiang accept them?

The situation forbids predictions. If the war is to continue it is probable that Japan will make a formal declaration of hostilities, declare the Central Government outlawed and proceed to set up a puppet regime at Nanking just as has been done in Manchukuo and, on a smaller scale, in Shanghai. The next development would probably be the occupation of seaports, Canton included. This would entail a struggle, an enormous expenditure of men and money, and a scattering of Japan's resources over a vast front. It is inevitable that the coast cities would be doomed. The Japanese Navy is in a position to shell them almost at will and could thus subdue resistance. With the coast-line patrolled the pressure which Japan could apply would be enormous and her hand would be greatly strengthened when it came to negotiating peace. But even the complete severance of China's communications by sea would not mean the defeat of that country. The back door would still be open and aid, even if it takes the form of nothing more substantial than munitions and aircraft, would be available from Russia. So the situation is not hopeless from the point of view of the Chinese who wish to continue the struggle.

It is these possibilities which Marshal Chiang and his colleagues are pondering at the moment, it can be said without much fear of contradiction that in a matter of months Japan will have gone far enough in her campaign against China to commence to consolidate herself in conquered territory. As long as there is a Chinese army resisting her and the advantage is

Garage-Hand by Day... STAR by NIGHT

By John Bourne

Playwright, producer,
adjudicator, and editor of
"The Amateur Theatre."

DURING the day, John Smith is a miner; in the evening he is an actor. John Smith's daughter is a school teacher; but also she is an actress.

John Smith has a brother who was a miner but is now unemployed—that is, during the day.

At night he, too, "walks the boards." Even John Smith's wife is a costumer.

The picture is no exaggeration. In all parts of England all sorts and conditions of people, sometimes whole families, are turning to the stage. The amateur season has begun.

The amateur actor of 1937 is entirely different from the happy-go-lucky player of 1900.

Then, the amateurs, cajoling their friends and fond relatives into buying tickets for their shows, were mainly copyists of the professional stage, having fun at other people's expense, and doing it largely as a social or Society function.

Now, large numbers of them are genuine students of drama striving to keep flesh and blood acting alive in places where there are no theatres and where, but for their efforts, plays would never be seen. By reason of hard work at drama schools and the introduction of the producer, amateur acting has greatly improved. It is much more of a communal effort in that people of all classes gather together to experiment with original plays or to produce established successes.

SHAW and Priestley are high in the list of favourite dramatists, and among the works of other authors that will be widely acted during the coming season are *Spring Tide*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Call It A Day*, *Distinguished Gathering*, *The Unguarded Hour*, *Love From A Stranger*, and *Night Must Fall*.

The latest play to be released is *Love On The Dole*. Ronald Gow dramatised it from the novel by Walter Greenwood, who was on the "dole" when he wrote it, and in Mr. Gow's own words, "shivered in a Salford attic" during the hard winter of 1932.

Amateur actors abound. No census has ever been taken of them, but at the lowest estimate there exist no fewer than 20,000 dramatic societies.

They range from the big amateur societies performing for a week at a time in full-sized

theatres or cinemas to little village groups performing in old army tents or schoolrooms.

Children, too, now act in large numbers occasionally as part of their school curriculum. There has lately arisen a "Theatre of Youth," with Dame Sybil Thorndike as president.

The movement is certainly intense—especially among the smaller groups. These, anxious to be independent, are struggling to possess their own headquarters.

Already some strange buildings have been transformed into "little theatres"—a barn, a laundry, an old garage, a disused railway station, a cellar, a chapel, a cowshed.

In them stages have been built, with great economy, and everything—from the scenery to the seats—has been made or "picked up cheap."

Others meet regularly in the Unemployed Workers' Centres, frequently to act improvised plays or works of their own writing.

The National Council of Social Service has several drama advisors whose time is chiefly taken up with visiting unoccupied centres and acting as producers. A workless group recently built their own stage from old railway sleepers and used blankets from their own beds as a "curtain" background.

On the Left, the Unity Theatre Club has inaugurated a theatre movement, frankly propagandist, which already has close contact with 150 similar groups in various parts of the country.

The International Pax Players' Association, with a Scottish offshoot, is destined to develop the peace play, and has already organised a peace-propaganda festival.

All-women societies have grown rapidly during the last few years, sometimes coming into open competition at the drama festivals and gaining awards. Playwrights have



A typical situation for an amateur actor—after work in his garage he becomes Captain Arthur Donegall in "Florodore."

Indeed, found it profitable to turn their attention to the all-women play, both one-act and full-length.

Sometimes there are incongruities, especially when women attempt male characteristics. Not long ago an all-women society seriously debated whether it should attempt

Journey's End! The fact remains, however, that all-women casts have played *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Hamlet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Henry the Fourth*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

While most Women's Institutes prefer to keep their casts entirely to their members, some do not disdain the help of men.

Dramatic festivals are growing on a national scale by the British Drama League is the biggest, with about 700 entries per annum.

One-act plays only are performed in this festival, and by a process of elimination, five "teams" from five different parts of Great Britain are chosen to play in a final, generally held at the Old Vic.

At the final early this year a company entirely composed of minors came from Scotland and was placed second for its performance of *Joe Corrigan's Heavers of Coal*.

There is a move this season to transfer this Final to Glasgow during the time of the Empire Exhibition.

Independent festivals, usually held for a week at a time, are locally organised in certain centres, sometimes with the support of the Corporation. Both one-act and full-length plays are performed.

Among the towns and cities regularly running such events are Buxton, Blackpool, Doncaster, Scarborough, Morecambe, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Skipton and Welwyn Garden City.

Wales is strong in drama weeks. In one case the local cinema was bought out for six days so that stage plays could take the place of films.

The three chief organisations advising all this activity are the British Drama League, the Scottish Drama Association and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. The movement also has its own magazine, "The Amateur Theatre and Playwrights' Journal."

HERE it is all leading nobody can foretell. But there is no doubt that amateur acting to-day is a great class leveller, since "mixing" is essential to success. It is also a valuable corrective to the routine life so many people lead in factories, mines, shops and offices.

Apart from the fun of it and the service it renders in keeping drama alive, it has its psychological use in making maids into mistresses, clerks into kings and miners into directors—if only for a night.

To-day's Thought
HEAVEN never helps the man who will not act.

SOPHOCLES.

of travelling for the privilege of a bumpy journey in his old cab and the pleasure of hearing again the pawky remarks he addressed to Tam Tirl.

Lavish. Darrow.

Auld Donal', The Cabby

IN the leisurely days before the advent of the motor car, a certain top-hatted worthy known as Auld Donal acted as charleer for many travellers.

He occupied the best stance near the station, by fair means or foul, and plied a very successful trade, chiefly because of his "gift" of the gab and his determination never to let a potential customer elude him.

His white side-whiskers contrasted strikingly with his fiery face and he wore a tight-fitting tail-coat, almost green with age. Auld Donal himself was weighed down with years and "sair trachied wi the rheumatics," but he never lost his zeal for his trade, and vowed that he would die in his cab than in his bed.

His ramshackle equipage bore the same evidence of having seen better days, and Tam Tirl, his old grey horse, seemed to be suffering from the same disease as its master. Yet it valiantly hobbled along, and was always certain to reach its destination some time or another.

Between the fares Auld Donal would sit on the box, idly flourishing the whip that he would never dream of using on Tam Tirl, and smoking an antiquated cutty pipe. But his keen eyes were ever on the look-out for customers, and once he had spied a likely fare, he would crack his whip to attract attention.

"Cab, sir, cab!" was his cry. "Here ye are! Tam Tirl and I are ready to tak ye anywhere ye want frae Land's End to John o'Groats, sir. Ye like. Just step inby an' say the word. There's no a mair shapely-fittit beast on the roads than Tam Tirl. Set at him cockin' his lugel' Sien inby, sir, or he'll be rare affrontit! Noo we're off!"

The bumpiness of the roads in those days, combined with the sad state of the springs in Auld Donal's cabriolet, accounted for many hazardous journeys, but the old cabby had become such a popular character that travellers were willing to forgo comfort for the sake of having his enlivening company.

So fond of his horse was the old cabby that in stormy weather he would rather get drenched to the skin himself than let Tam Tirl suffer.

Often he would take off his old top-coat to put on the horse's back; and a rival cabby was once heard to remark to him, "It's a wunner ye dinna leave that beast o' yours at home draw the cab versel."

Auld Donal' made short shrift of his rivals. The more up-to-date their carriages and the fresher their horses, the greater his scorn. As he waited for a fare, he would voice his disquiet loud enough for the whole street to hear.

On the subject of tips the old cabby held some strange opinions. He would take none for himself, and, indeed, waxed very indignant at the idea. But he was always careful to add, "Gin ye like to throw in a sassen for Tam Tirl, I'll no' see it gae past him. But, mind ye, it's no' for maeil! I'll gie him an aixtra helpin' o' corn the nicht for a treat. Noo, then, Tam Tirl, nod your head to the gentleman."

Who benefited in the long run? It was difficult to tell, but Auld Donal' was reckoned by the other cabbies to be "a gayan rowdy" in spite of his dilapidated appearance. He never retired to enjoy his health, however, but was often heard to remark that "As lang as Tam Tirl can tak the road ye'll find me on the box."

Fortunately for the old cabby's pride, his day was done before the motor car arrived tooust him from his place. But there were many who would have given up the swifter mode

WOMAN SAYS "PARNELL WAS MY FATHER . . .

AND NOW MY MONEY HAS GONE"

"He Was Kind To Us But We Were Afraid"

(By A Special Correspondent)

A woman who claims to be the last child of Charles Stewart Parnell, the famous Irish politician, and Katie O'Shea is living almost penniless with her husband in a shabby London house.

She is Mrs. Katharine Moule, aged 52, who keeps a boarding-house in Mornington-crescent, Camden Town, N.W.

In blank bedroom at the top of the house, which she lets for 12s. 6d. a week when she can, she told me her story.

"I was born on November 27, 1884," she said. "To Katie O'Shea and Charles Stewart Parnell. I am the third and last of their children."

"Claude Sophie, their first, was born, and died, in 1882, and Clare, who died 20 years ago, was born in 1883, so I am the last of their children and the nearest relative to Parnell living to-day."

"Claude Sophie is the only baby of Parnell my mother mentions in her book of his life, and none of us is mentioned in reference books."

LIKE HER MOTHER

"I was born at my mother's house at Eltham, Kent. My father was particularly fond of me because I was the baby most like my mother and had her grey eyes. Clare and Sophie had brown eyes and were like him."

"I clearly remember leaving Eltham after my mother's Aunt 'Bess' died in 1888. We went to live at Walsingham-terrace, Brighton, and felt very important when we heard people whispering, 'That is Parnell's house.'

"My first memory of my father was seeing him seated at his writing desk in the dining-room. He looked so grave and rather terrifying with his dark beard and pale, sad face. He was always very kind to us, but we thought him rather serious. He always seemed worried and engrossed, and we were a little afraid of him."

"He had a telescope and used to study the stars. He said in the stars lived the spirits of people dead. I also clearly remember a pestle and mortar he had which used to fascinate me. He used it for chemical experiments."

"When I was seven I could read quite well, and when he was ill he liked me to read aloud to him. I read, of all things, 'The Last Days of Pompeii.'

THE WEDDING

"But he and my mother were definitely happy in 1891 when her divorce from Capt. O'Shea was finally through and they were married at Steyning Register Office. I was only seven, but I can remember that day, June 20, very clearly."

"The horror and sadness of the house when Parnell died in my mother's arms the same year they were married, I shall never forget."

"I saw Parnell for the last time when we children were being shopped up to the nursery. I, curious, peeped through the door of his room and saw his pale, racked face on the pillow."

"My mother always called him 'Mister.' He called her 'Katie.'

"I lived with my mother until 1907 when I married Major Louis Horsford D'Oyley Moule. In 1910 he had to leave for West Africa, where he was appointed district commissioner."

"In 1921 my mother died and members of the O'Shea family, with whom I was never very popular, took my silence as callousness. I was numb with unhappiness. She was wonderful to her children. No one could have had a better mother."

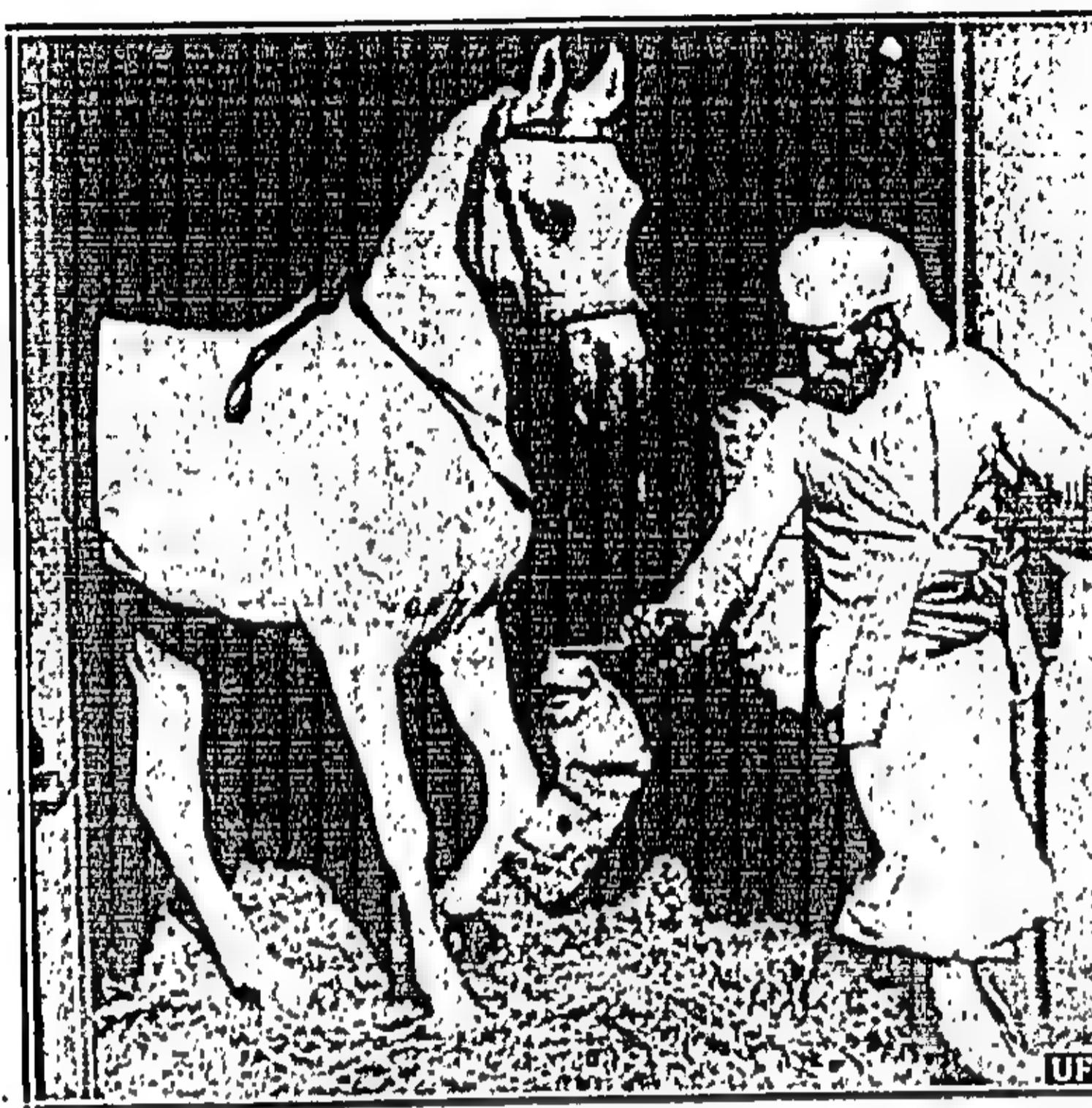
"She left me £2,000, and with it I bought this house. My husband commuted his pension into a sum of nearly £1,000, and we lived quite comfortably on our capital for years."

"Now, of course, the money has gone. I realise we were silly now. It is difficult to make ends meet running a boarding-house like this."

This Dog Earned £70 A Second In Race

A dog which was bought for £2,000, Ballyhennessy Sandhills, recently won for his owner, Mrs. Kearns, of Wimbledon, £2,000 in 28.89 sec.

He won this sum—biggest prize ever offered for a greyhound race—in the White City 500yds. event. For every yard he ran he earned £4, or £70 a second.



Yugo-Slavia Buys Arms From Italy

Rome, Dec. 8.

Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, Yugo-Slavian Prime Minister, Count Clano, Foreign Minister, Signor Dino Attieri, Italian Minister for Propaganda, left for Milan to inspect the Italian aero-plane and armament factories.

It is believed Yugo-Slavia is buying arms and aeroplanes from Italy, because of a favourable trade balance with Italy.—Reuter's Special.

BISHOP BULLEN LOSES LIFE IN PLANE CRASH

London, Dec. 9.

The Rt. Rev. Herbert Guy Bullen, M.C., Assistant Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, lost his life when an R.A.F. bomber crashed. The pilot of the plane was also killed.

The accident occurred between Bor and Rubu.

It has been ascertained that Mrs. Bullen was not accompanying her husband when the fatal accident happened.—Reuter.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Changsha, Dec. 9.

A new air service has been inaugurated between Hunan and Hupeh by the China National Aviation Corporation.—Reuter.

HONOURS FOR DECEASED PANCHEN LAMA

Chungking, Dec. 9.

The Executive Yuan met yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. H. Kung in the absence of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and measures were taken relative to the conferring of posthumous honours on the late Panchen Lama. The Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission will submit plans in this connection to the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, a joint message of condolence on the Panchen Lama's death has been despatched by the Central Executive and Supervisory Committee to Chao Shou-yu, Special Commissioner who was to have escorted the Panchen Lama to Lhasa.—Reuter.

JAPANESE REGRET WUHU BOMBING

London, Dec. 9.

It is learned in London that the Japanese chief of staff in Shanghai called on Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief, to express regret in connection with the bombing of two British vessels during the bombardment of Wuhan.—Reuter.

DOCKERS RETURN TO WORK

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 8.

The waterside dispute which began last week, affecting 1,000 men, ended when the dockers agreed to begin negotiations with employers through their Union to-day.—Reuter.

PATIENTS WON'T LET US KEEP THEM ALIVE —SAYS A DOCTOR

A London County Council hospital doctor telephoned a London newspaper the other day. "There has been a lot of criticism of doctors recently," he said. "Why not give your readers the doctor's point of view?"

"Tell them how public funds are wasted, how deserving cases are kept out of hospital beds, how the blood of donors is wasted because the poor-law doctor may do nothing to interfere with the liberty of the patient."

A reporter went to see him. This is what the doctor said:

Twenty-five per cent. of the beds in poor-law hospitals would be vacant, or free for fresh cases, if poor-law doctors could occasionally be high-handed with their patients.

Pints of human blood would never be taken from Red Cross donors. And we could reduce cases of tuberculosis to sporadic outbreaks.

Let me give examples from my own hospital, one of the largest and best-run in London. The same thing is happening all over the country.

Last week a woman was admitted with severe Bright's disease. I recognised her at once as a patient who had discharged herself from hospital six months previously against my advice.

FOUR YEARS TO LIVE

She had then been suffering from a condition which occurs in 4 per cent. of expectant mothers, and is easily cured by short hospital treatment.

I told that woman I could cure her if she would stay in hospital for two weeks. She refused to stay more than two days.

She is only 22, and has one child. She had a normal expectancy of life.

Now she cannot live more than four years. And for a large part of that time she will occupy a hospital bed.

I have a man patient with a gastric ulcer. He first came to hospital several months ago.

We gave him a blood transfusion and told him we could cure his condition in two months if he would stay for treatment.

He refused, and walked out of hospital.

Since then he has returned to us three times, each time seriously ill and each time requiring a blood transfusion.

We cannot refuse him human blood, or he would die. But each time he is taking a pint of blood from a healthy man, when, with a little cooperation from him, no more transfusions would be necessary.

Such cases are occurring daily in every department of our hospital, and in every other poor law hospital.

A patient comes to us with active tuberculosis. He agrees to become an in-patient.

After partial treatment he thinks he is well again and insists on leaving hospital.

A MENACE

We offer to send him to a convalescent home, free of cost to himself. Instead, he returns to his home to infect his family.

RADIO BROADCAST

Doreen Ma at the Piano From the Studio

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Radio Programme Broadcast from Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 K.C.S.) 314.9 metres (0.52 m.c.s.).

H.K.T. 12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Lealis Hutchinson (Vocal and Piano).

Would You? (Film 'San Francisco'); I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (Film 'It's Love Again'); Empty Saddles (Film 'Rhythm On The Range').

12.40 Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Touch Of Your Lips; Gone (Film 'Love On The Run'); When Is A Kiss Not A Kiss (Film 'Champagne Walk'); Cowboy; It's Got To Be Love (from 'On Your Toes'); What Will I Tell My Heart; On The Trail Where The Sun Hangs Low.

1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Lord And Lady Whoosis; When You Gotta Sing You Gotta Sing (Film 'Gangway'); Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon; Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It; Orchestra—Sweet Sue (Young); Fox-Trot—Gangway; Moon Or No Moon (Film 'Gangway'); Waltz Medley—Whistles From Vienna (arr. Korngold); Biltmore, Clutsam and Griffiths).

1.30 Reuters and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Chopin Compositions; Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3; ...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Mizurka, Op. 33, No. 4; Mizurka, Op. 24, No. 4; Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

1.50 The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

1.55 'Martha'—Selection (Flootow); Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing Of The Guard (Flootsam and Jettsam); Sousa Medley (Sousa).

2.15 Close Down.

2.05-11 Chinese Programme.

5 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

During the intervals dance records will be played from Z.B.W.

6 Studio—Children's Concert.

6.45 Paul Robeson (Bass).

Go Down, Moses (Burleigh); Plantation Songs.

6.50 Musical Comedy.

The Love Race—Selection (Clarke); 'Charlot's Masquerade—Selection; New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Careless Rapture' (Novello—Hansall); Love Made The Song...Sibyl Crawley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duet); Music In May...Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

7.10 Variety.

Humorous—Building A Chicken House (Evans); Will Evans; Orchestra—Tell Me Again (Grose); Alfredo and His Orchestra; Vocal—Granny's Old Arm-Chair; Little Brown Jug...Frank Chemit (Tenor); Orchestra—Basin Street Blues (Williams); E Flat Blues (Morris-Williams); Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.30 London Relay—Sportsmen Talking.

Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.

7.45 Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.

1. Medley from 'Wake Up and Live'; Intro: There's a Lull in My Life; It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up and Live; 2. Truckin'; 3. Stardust; 4. Tea for Two.

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

8.15 Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme Broadcast from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.30 Variety.

Orchestra—London Rhapsody—Vocal Selection; Vocalists...The London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Deep Desert; My Way (Film 'Zigzag'); ...Paul Robeson (Bass); Rossini's 'Crest of the Wave'; Of England ('Crest of the Wave'); Edgar Elmes (Baritone); Haven Of Your Heart ('Crest of the Wave'); ...Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Cello—Czardas (Adolphe Fischer); Papillion (David Popper)...Rudolf Dietzmann.

8.30 London Relay—At The Black Dog.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Be praised, thou peaceful night ('The Yagabond'—Zichler); Ever solet grows my slumber ('Ling-Brahms'); On 103, No. 2); Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms).

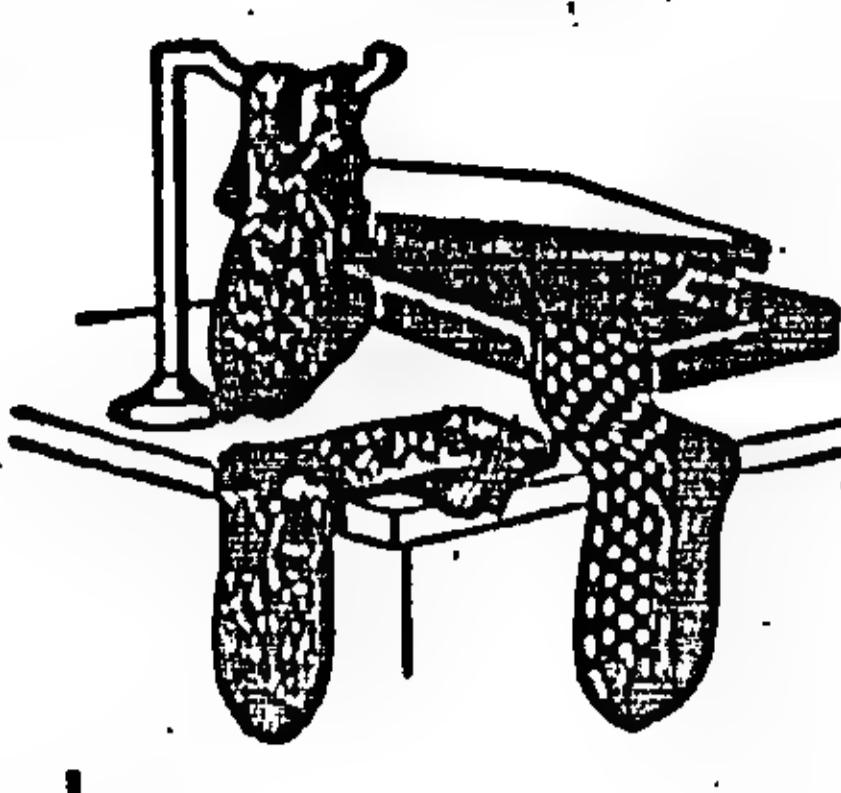
9.30 London Relay—Food For Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Benjamin Giltz (Tenor).

Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A Major (Brahms-Jochim); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate); Yehudi Menuhin accom., by Marcel Gazeau (Piano); If My Mother Only Knew (Nuttie); Night In Venice (Camatti-Circi); You Are My Life (from the film 'Becco'); Giltz; Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat Major (Brahms-Jochim); Romanza Andaluza, Op. 22 (Continued on Page 4.)



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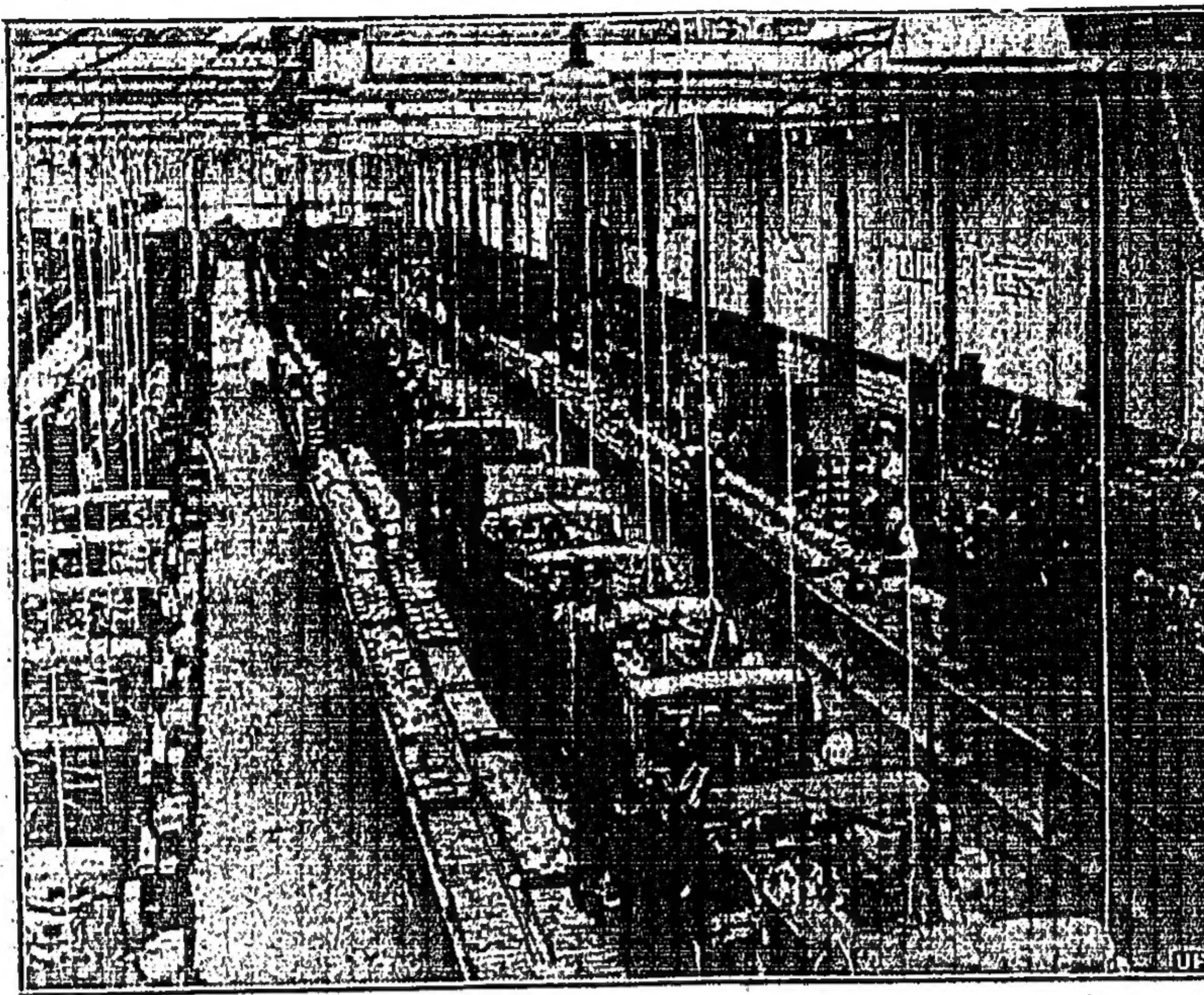
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First entrants in the 6th annual Silver Bay Kennel Club show at San Diego, Cal., were these quintuplet pups, owned by Captain C. S. Beale. Miss Melky Flanagan, right, gave them a good scrubbing, in preparation for the show, and hung them up to dry. They are two-month-old Boston. The Silver Bay show attracts hundreds of national entries.

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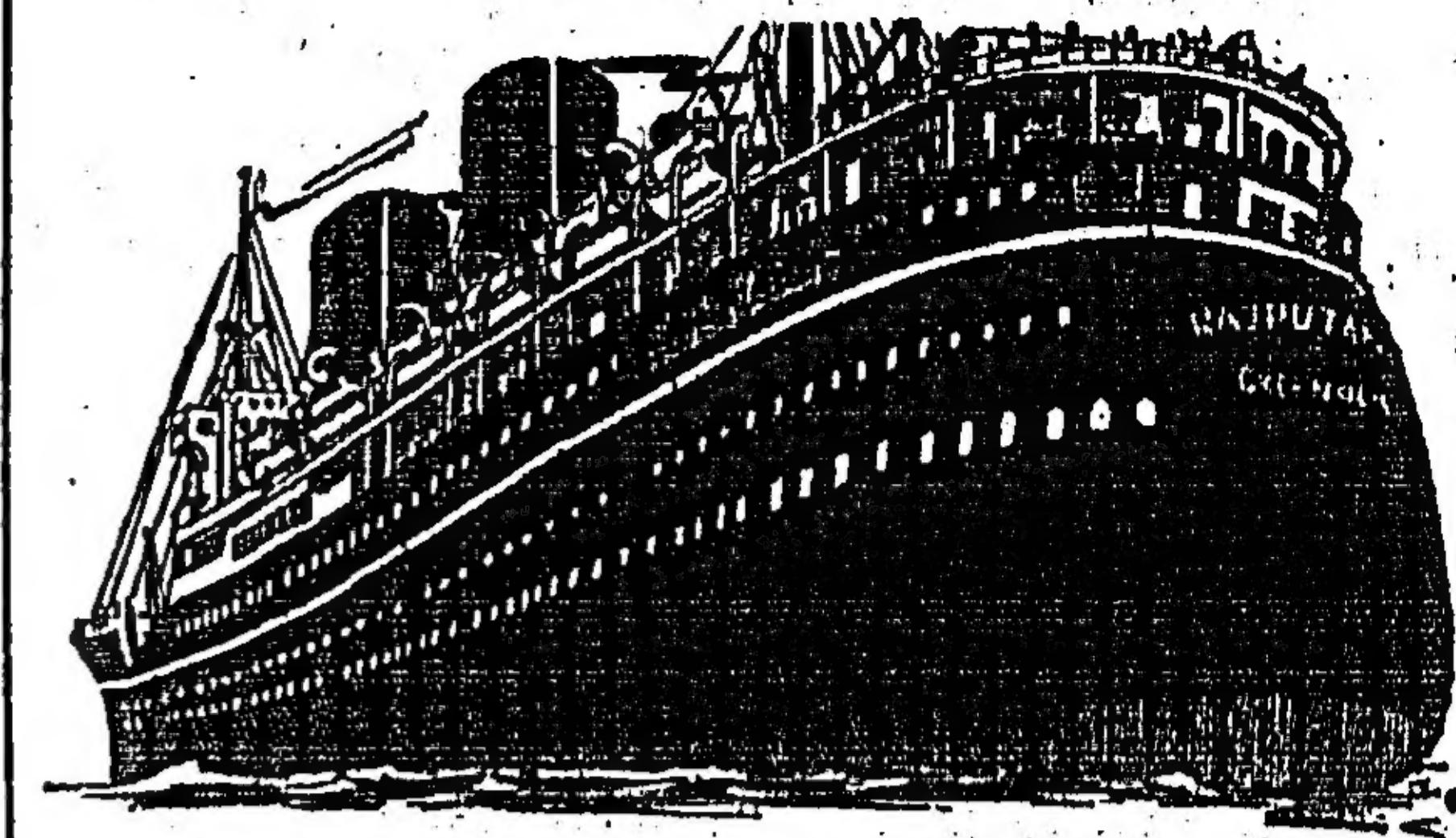
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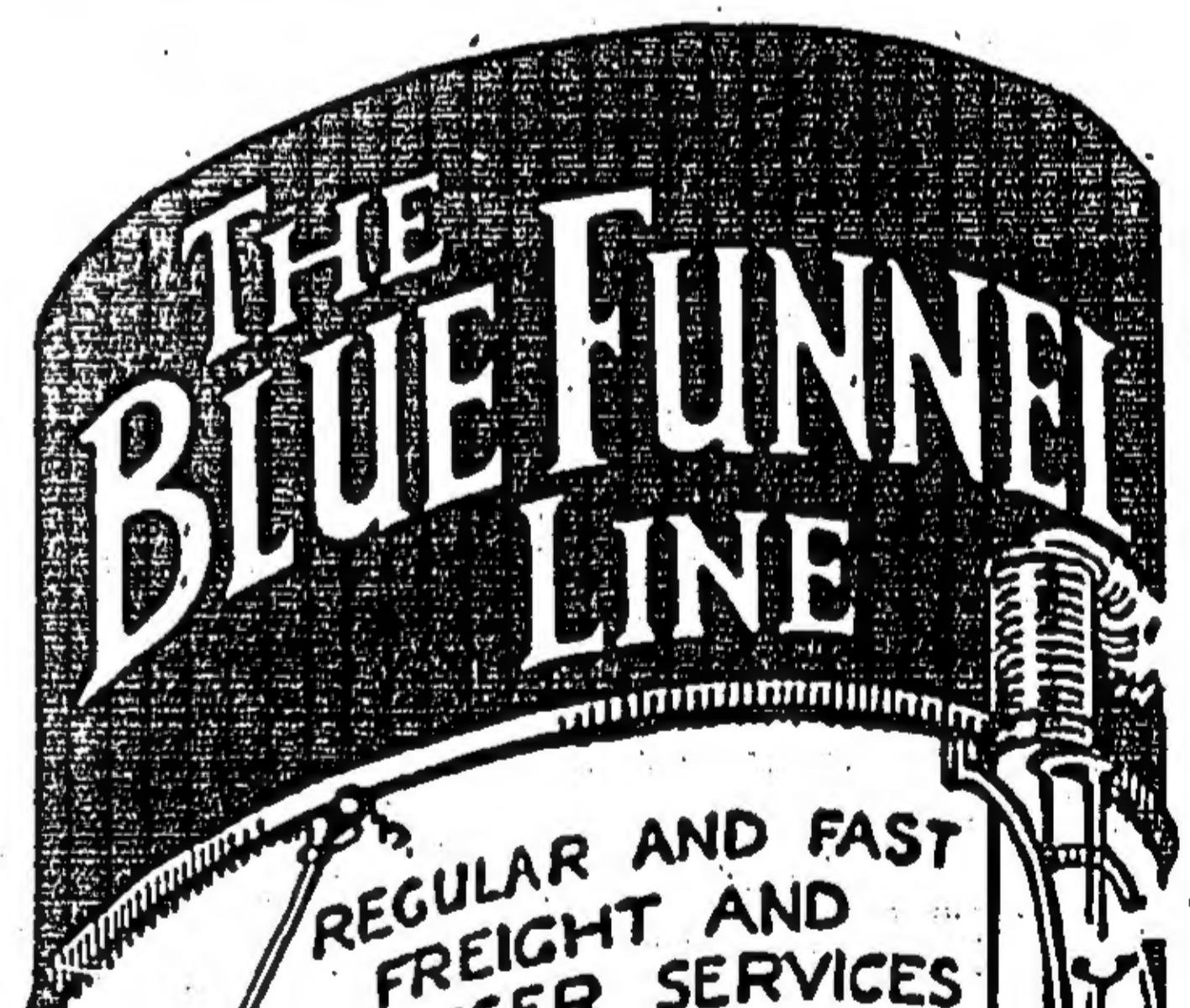
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UNLOADING OF SILVER UNLIKELY

First Such Move By China Would Shatter Market

London, Dec. 8. A report published in one of this morning's papers that Chinese silver is being refined in London on behalf of the United States Treasury is categorically denied by the refiners, who informed Reuter that the refining is being done on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Bullion dealers have no fear that the silver refined in London will be thrown on to the London market as the Chinese Government is bound by the silver agreement with the United States to offer all available silver first to the United States, who is continuing to buy.

There is no possibility of Chinese silver being unloaded in London even in the event of the United States stopping purchase as the first ounce of Chinese silver appearing on the market would cause a rout.

Concerning the reason prompting the Chinese Government to prefer to have the silver refined in London, it is conjectured that this course has been adopted in order to facilitate advances to the Chinese Government by British banks, and also that it is easier and cheaper to store bars than coin and broken silver.—Reuter.

Government Inaction Criticised

Suspended Judgment Asked By Minister

London, Dec. 8. In a House of Commons debate, with 202 votes to 124, a resolution condemning the Government for inaction on the problem of location of industry from points of view both of defence and plight of special areas, was lost. Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, at the end of the debate, outlined inducements which had been designed by the Government for the express purpose of assisting location of industry in particular areas.

Meantime work of the Royal Commission on the subject was proceeding expeditiously as possible and the Minister appealed for suspension of judgment until its report appeared.—British Wireless.

Denies Poison Gas Sent To China's Order

London, Dec. 8. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. V. McEntee (Lab.) asked whether the Board of Trade was aware that in a Japanese news service distributed to members of the House, it was alleged that twelve tons of phosgene gas were shipped from England to China.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, replied that no phosgene gas had been exported from the United Kingdom since the beginning of the year with the exception of three tons consigned to dye works in Holland.

Another Member said this particular news service was addressed from Paris.—Reuter.

BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY BODY MOVES

Hankow, Dec. 9. For the sake of convenience, the Board of Trustees for the administration of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has temporarily removed its office to Hankow from Nanking.

This step was taken in order to facilitate contact with numerous Central Government organs now functioning here.—Reuter.

WRONG ADDRESS REPORTED

Mr. D. Xavier wishes to point out that the address No. 4 Mosque Junction, which is his home, is in no way concerned with a case reported yesterday in which a Chinese was convicted of keeping an illicit still. Mr. Xavier's address was inadvertently published in the report of proceedings against the still operator, and the regret of the Telegraph has been conveyed to the householder.

DISPOSITION OF H.M. SHIPS

The following is the disposition of H.M. ships in North China: Shanghai, H.M.S. Falmouth (Flag), Folkestone and Dainty; Tsinling, H.M.S. Suffolk; Weihaiwei, H.M.S. Lowestoft; and Dorsetshire; Chefoo, H.M.S. Delight; Nanking, H.M.S. Capetown; Amoy, H.M.S. Diamond; and Swatow, H.M.S. Diana.

Asks Funds For Noble Enterprise

Dr. R. C. Robertson Of Shanghai Praises Hospital Work

London, Dec. 8. Dr. R. C. Robertson, a Shanghai doctor who arrived in London to-day, intends to fly back to China after Christmas to take charge of the British anti-epidemic unit.

Referring to his obituary notice published after a false report of his death, Dr. Robertson said, with a chuckle: "It is not so nice as I thought it would be. Perhaps next time it would be better to prepare it one's self in advance."

Dr. Robertson is trying to enlist help for the Lord Mayor's Fund for China. He emphasised that what they were able to do now only touched the fringe of a terrible problem.

He said the missions hospitals were performing noble work, and their history should be written in letters of gold.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

RING OF STEEL ENCIRCLES NANKING

Nanking, Dec. 9. A Japanese army spokesman announced this morning that the encirclement of Nanking had been completed and the Japanese ring was gradually closing in.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARN FOREIGNERS

Nanking, Dec. 9. An official statement issued by the Japanese authorities to-day urges foreign ships and vehicles, whether Government owned or otherwise, to keep moving as far as possible from the Chinese troops either stationary or otherwise and from Chinese military establishments, or if possible to take them entirely from the zone of fighting.

The statement emphasises that the Imperial Japanese forces are doing their utmost to repulse foreign ships or vehicles found in and around the zone of fighting, but in case no co-operation is forthcoming in the manner suggested, "the Japanese forces are in no position to ensure security and cannot be held responsible for any consequences which may involve them."—Reuter.

CHINKIANG BOOM STILL INTACT

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Ships are still bottled up above Chinkiang, where the more recently constructed boom blocks the river.

The breaking of this boom and sweeping of the minefield above it will enable Japanese warships to join in the attack on Nanking and to cut off the retreat of the defenders across the Yangtze.—Reuter.

Barcelona Death Roll Uncertain

SPY FEVER RAGES IN YAMCHOW

But Otherwise Area Lives In Peace And Plenty

Yamchow, Kwangtung, Dec. 1. On information from Canton, two men, illiterate medicine sellers, were arrested in Fong Shing, near here, under suspicion of being spies for the Japanese. They were brought here yesterday and lodged in the local Yamen and will be sent to Canton for trial in once.

There is quite a scare about spies in these parts just now and no chances are being taken. Recently a co-pilot of one of the missions fell under suspicion and was searched. A small bottle of medicine was found on him. He was sent at once to the Yamen in Yamchow for trial as a Japanese spy. A bit of the drug in the bottle was given to a chicken, which immediately died, so the case was thought to be positive against the man.

He was let go only after the mission concerned assured the local officials that the man was innocent and in no way implicated in spying activities.

A big mass meeting was held here late in November for the purpose of tightening the anti-Japanese boycott. Effective methods were evolved to prevent anything produced in Japan reaching this city. The students of the higher schools are largely behind the movement.

There is plenty of rice in these parts, as a bountiful crop was harvested. None is allowed to be exported, therefore rice is cheap. Prices of all foodstuffs are very low in this city and district, and there is plenty of everything.

There is no alarm nor fear here. Since a lone Japanese plane flew over here a month ago, and somewhat excited the people, no further visits have been made. The country is quiet and peaceful.

All young able-bodied men are required to be registered for war service and troops are being sent up toward Canton, on the way to the front, it is said.—Special Correspondent.

Barcelona Death Roll Uncertain

Figures Appear Exaggerated

Barcelona, Dec. 8. The report that 200 were killed in the air raid yesterday is unconfirmed. It is officially stated that from 50 to 100 were killed and injured.

A second air raid was carried out this afternoon by three Insurgent planes, flying high. They were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and chased by Government planes.—Reuter.

STEAMER SINKS IN RED SEA

London, Dec. 8. A British steamer sank at the entrance to the Red Sea en route to the United States with a cargo of ore from Calcutta.

The crew was taken off by an Italian steamer.—Reuter.

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